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R. W. GRAND LODGE,

OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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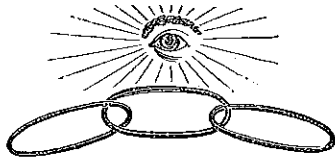


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PRESENT:

The following named Grand Officers:

C. S. HASWELL.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
L. E. PRATT.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem.*
JOHN B. HARMON.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
T. RODGERS JOHNSON.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
HENRY B. BROOKS.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
C. W. DANNALS, }
A. J. GUNNISON. }*R. W. Grand Representatives.*
REV. WILLIAM H. HILL.....*Worthy Grand Chaplain.*
W. K. BENJAMIN.....*Worthy Grand Marshal.*
W. H. TOOTHAKER.....*Worthy Grand Conductor.*
G. WARNER.....*Worthy Grand Guardian.*
C. G. STAHL.....*Worthy Grand Herald.*

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Kendall, of No. 2, moved to receive and refer the Credentials of Representatives to the Committee on Credentials.

Adopted.

The Roll of Representatives being called a quorum was found to be present.

(For list see Appendix.)

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to take a recess until 1 o'clock.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved as a substitute to take a recess of one hour.

Carried.

The question recurring on the substitute to adjourn for one hour was carried and the Grand Lodge, at 10 o'clock, suspended business.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order at 11 o'clock, the time of recess having expired.

Rep. Soher, from Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials received and submitted to the R. W. Grand Secretary, with the accompanying list of Representatives and Past Grands, and report the same correct.

No certificate of Representatives or Past Grands have been received from Lodges Nos. 104, 153, and 156. Lodge No. 155 returns four Representatives, one for its Charter and three for its membership.

Your Committee would recommend this subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge for action.

LEWIS SOHER,
JOHN H. GREGORY,
H. WARTENBERG.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, moved that the four representatives claimed by Pacific Lodge, No. 155, be admitted to seats.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to adopt all of the report of the committee, except that relating to the representation of Pacific Lodge.

Carried.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to lay on the table that portion concerning Pacific Lodge, until after the candidates legally reported upon were admitted. Adopted.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, moved to approve the Journal of last session as printed. Carried.

The candidates were then admitted and instructed in the work of the Grand Lodge, and took their seats as members.

(For names, see Appendix.)

The motion submitted by Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, concerning the admission of the three additional Representatives from Pacific Lodge, No. 155, was then taken up.

Rep. Porter, of No. 15, moved to adopt.

Carried.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, submitted the following :

Resolved, That the daily session of this Grand Lodge be as follows: From 10 o'clock A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock P. M. Evening session as the Grand Lodge may order.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, moved to adopt,

Rep. Luce, of No. 4, moved to strike out the resolution ten and insert nine.

Lost. 109 yeas, 135 nays.

Question recurring on the resolution as presented by Rep. Burton it was adopted.

Time for recess having arrived, the Grand Lodge stood adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At one o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order.

The M. W. Grand Master filled the vacancies in the Regular Committees occasioned by the absence of several members thereof.

The Committees when perfected are as follows :

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

<i>Committee on Credentials</i>	{ Lewis Soher, of No. 44. John H. Gregory, of No. 34. H. Wartenberg, of No. 35.
<i>Committee on Finance</i>	{ George T. Bohem, of No. 155. David Meeker, of No. 123. Herman Schultz, of No. 29. Israel Luce, of No. 4. N. Wyckoff, of No. 111.
<i>Committee on Correspondence</i>	{ C. N. Fox, of No. 109. T. Rodgers Johnson, of No. 3. Z. N. Spaulding, of No. 135.
<i>Committee on Appeals</i>	{ John B. Harmon, of No. 123. H. J. Tilden, of No. 124. J. W. Dwinelle, of No. 144. R. B. Norman, of No. 87. Chas. W. Bowman, of No. 94.
<i>Committee on Laws of Subordinates</i>	{ Nathan Porter, of No. 15. J. B. Johnson, of No. 17. John A. Richter, of No. 116. C. C. Raynerson, of No. 102. William H. Fox, of No. 51.
<i>Committee on Petitions</i>	{ B. W. Barnes, of No. 80. G. W. Wallraven, of No. 113. D. E. Gordon, of No. 61. Henry Atwater, of No. 48. A. W. Oakley, of No. 100.
<i>Committee on State of the Order</i>	{ Daniel McLaren, of No. 155. Louis Korn, of No. 105. Davis Louderback, of No. 15. W. Bartlett, of No. 124. C. W. Dannals, of No. 67.
<i>Committee on Legislature</i>	{ J. H. McKune, of No. 8. E. W. Roberts, of No. 12. A. C. Bradford, of No. 39. Leon D. Freer, of No. 47. James O. Wanzer, of No. 96.
<i>Committee on Mileage</i>	{ C. O. Burton, of No. 6. James M. Cox, of No. 77. Robert Irwin, of No. 17. John A. Whaley, of No. 85. B. Dyer, of No. 106.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, presented the following, and moved its adoption. Carried.

Resolved, That the rule requiring the M. W. Grand Master elect to announce the names of those whom he intends to appoint as District Deputies as soon as may be after his election, be, and the same is, hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That now, and each succeeding Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on the first day of the session, it shall be the duty of the sitting Grand Master to appoint a committee of five, among whom shall be the acting Grand Representatives, whose duty it shall be to examine and instruct the nominees for District Deputy Grand Masters, in the secret work of the Order.

Resolved, That on the first day of each Annual Communication, it shall be the duty of the Past Grands present from each District to nominate a candidate for District Deputy Grand Master of their District, and to hand a certificate of such nomination to the committee appointed under the preceding resolution. It shall be the duty of such nominees to appear before such committee, whenever required, for examination or instruction.

Resolved, That upon the completion of their labors, and at any time after the election of the incoming Grand Master, said committee may report to the Grand Lodge, and shall hand the list of nominees to the Grand Master elect, with such recommendations as they may deem proper. Such nominations and reports shall be considered by the Grand Master elect, but he shall not be bound to appoint the persons so nominated, unless their qualifications meet his approval, and the approval of said examining committee.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee, in conformity with the above report :

P. G. M., CHAS. N. FOX,
 Grand Rep. C. W. DANNALS,
 Grand Rep. A. J. GUNNISON,
 Grand Rep. GEO. M. GARWOOD,
 D. D. Grand Master E. LANE.

C/S. Haswell, M. W. Grand Master, made his Annual Report, as follows :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.
 of the State of California:*

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS:—Constitutional requirements and ancient custom furnish the reasons for our present communication.

The merciful care of our Heavenly Father, "in whom alone we live and move and have our being," furnish cause for devout thanksgiving that we are permitted to be here, and that His banner over us is Love.

The teachings of our Order, which leads us to the contemplation of the high and responsible duties of Odd Fellowship, joined to the wish of an honored constituency expressed by our election as Representatives to this session of our Grand Lodge, jointly demand of us earnest and undivided effort to secure legislation favorable to the perpetuity of our Order, and the hastening of that period when the Creator shall be remembered by all with gratitude, and the fellowship of man be cemented by Fraternal ties.

In accordance with the requirements of our laws, I herewith submit to you a report of my official acts, with the various decisions made by me during

the past year, together with such measures and suggestions as in my opinion call for your action at the present session.

OLD LODGES.

Of the one hundred and thirty-eight Lodges reported at the last session of this Grand Lodge, not one has suspended or ceased to exist during the year which has now just closed; but on the contrary, with but very few exceptions, there has been an increase, not only in numerical strength, but in the zeal which characterizes working Lodges of Odd Fellows.

NEW LODGES.

June 20th, 1868, UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 144, at Oakland, Alameda County, was instituted by the R. W. G. Warden, John B. Harmon, acting under a special commission, assisted by P. G. P., Lewis Soher, P. G. R., Nathan Porter, and Past Grands Joseph Lufkin, J. B. Johnson, and H. Schultz, with eight Charter members. The following were installed as officers: A. M. Dunham, N. G.; W. D. Harwood, V. G.; J. B. V. Goodrich, Recording Secretary; P. G., J. H. Seymour, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 36.

June 26th, 1868, TETTONIA DEGREE LODGE, No. 4, was instituted under special commission issued to Past Grand Master, Chas. N. Fox, in the city of San Francisco. Said Lodge to work in the German language. The following officers were then installed by D. D. G. M., P. G., Geo. Moening: C. K. Zimmer, N. G.; F. Brunges, V. G.; Charles Wibber, Secretary; Peter Anthes, Treasurer. On the first of April this Lodge reported 225 members, furnishing proof of interest and efficiency in this important department of our work, which is an earnest of the wisdom of the petitioners for said dispensation.

July 8th, 1868, under a special commission issued for that purpose, HERMANN LODGE, No. 145, was instituted in San Francisco by D. D. G. M., George Moening, assisted by R. W. G. W., John B. Harmon, R. W. G. Sec., T. R. Johnson, Philo White, N. Young, George Fritch, and many Past Grands and brethren of the different Lodges of the city, with eleven Charter members. The following were installed as officers: Charles Kittelberger, N. G.; Chas. Weber, V. G.; B. Rodust, Recording Secretary; C. M. Gerichten, Treasurer; C. C. H. Meyer, Permanent Secretary. This Lodge works in the German language, and is attached to District No. 2.

July 29th, 1868, SAN BERNARDINO LODGE, No. 146, located at San Bernardino, was instituted under special commission by D. D. G. M., Henry Wartenberg, assisted by a number of Past Grands of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35, and Bohen Lodge, No. 138, with eleven Charter members. After the election and installation of the following officers: John M. Foy N. G.; A. Wolff, V. G.; Chas. F. Roe, Secretary; A. L. Perdue, Treasurer; four members were admitted by card, and eight by Initiation, making a membership to commence with of twenty-three, which had up to April 1st been increased thirty-four, making total to that time fifty-seven, with an average attendance of forty members, fully justifying the prediction of the Instituting Officer, that San Bernardino Lodge would not be behind any of her sister Lodges in the practice of the principles of Odd Fellowship. This Lodge is attached to District No. 30.

August 19th, 1868, SAN LORENZO LODGE, No. 147, of Santa Cruz, was instituted by R. W. G. W. John B. Harmon, acting under a special commission, assisted by D. D. G. M., L. D. Holbrook, P. G. R., Daniel Norcoross, and Past Grands Charles Langley and F. E. Bailey, and a large number of brethren from Branciforte Lodge, Soquel and Pajaro Lodges, with 9 charter members. After the election and installation of the following officers, viz: W. W. Broughton, (P. G.) N. G., R. C. Kirby, V. G., C. D. Holbrook, (P. G.) Secretary, Isaac Blum, (P. G.) Treasurer, twenty were initiated, and two were received by de-

posit of card. The Lodge closing its first meeting with thirty-one members. Well may Bro. Harmon say, in concluding his report, "That this Lodge starts with very bright prospects." This Lodge is attached to District No. 33.

September 1st, 1868, HAVILAH LODGE, No. 148, at Havilah, Kern Co., was instituted by D. D. G. M., Charles L. Thomas, acting under a special commission granted for that purpose, assisted by Past Grands, Wing, White, and Levy, and Bro. Jennings, of Four Creek Lodge, No. 94, and Bro. Katz, of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35, with six charter members, after the election and installation of the following officers: E. Cohn, N. G., H. Hirshfeld, V. G., A. A. Bermudas, R. S., M. Jacoby, P. S., H. Hammell, Treasurer, two members were added by deposit of card and three by initiation. Bro. Thomas adds that the night following the institution of the Lodge, after giving instructions fully, that he initiated four members, and there were received at the same meeting six propositions for membership. He also adds that from personal observation he is satisfied that Havilah Lodge will be large and flourishing; that their hall, though small, is secure and comfortable, and that men of respectability and high moral standing have gone into it. He reports thirty-four members. This Lodge is attached to District No. 37.

November 10th, 1868, WILDEX LODGE, No. 149, was instituted in Tuolumne City by D. D. G. M., George Buck, under special commission granted for the purpose, assisted by members of Lafayette Lodge, No. 65, and Willow Lodge, No. 121, with six charter members. The following officers were duly elected and installed into their respective chairs: Miner Walden, (P. G.) N. G., H. K. Covert, V. G., J. A. Brown, Secretary; Charles W. Ollrich, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 24.

December 25th, 1868, under a special commission, issued for the purpose, to D. D. G. M., of District No. 10, W. P. Berry, assisted by several brethren of Clear Lake Lodge, No. 130, FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 150, was instituted at Guenoc, Lake County, with seven charter members. The following brothers were duly elected and installed officers: J. H. Berry, N. G., O. Armstrong, V. G., Max Getz, Secretary, H. H. Nunnally, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 10.

January 9th, 1869, under special commission to D. D. G. M., G. P. Louks, SAN JOAQUIN LODGE, No. 151, was instituted at Antioch, Contra Costa County. The following brothers were duly elected and installed officers for the term: William Giwan, N. G., M. S. Levy, V. G., George Thyarks, Secretary, Russell Eddy, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 49.

January 23d, 1869. Under a special commission, issued to D. D. G. M., L. D. Holbrook, of District No. 33, assisted by several brethren of Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, SALINAS LODGE, No. 152, was instituted at Castroville, Monterey County, with five charter members. After the election of the officers, viz., George Pace, (P. G.) N. G., Charles E. Williams, V. G., W. L. Moore, (P. G.) Secretary, and James E. Whitson, Treasurer, thirteen propositions for membership were received and appropriately referred. This Lodge is attached to District No. 33.

February 13th, 1869, Alameda Degree Lodge, No. 5, located at Oakland, Alameda county, was under special commission for that purpose to P. G. R., Nathan Porter, instituted with twenty-two charter members. The following officers were installed: J. C. Holland, P. G., N. G.; J. Barnett, V. G.; W. J. Garnett, Secretary; Geo. H. Fogg, Treasurer.

March 23d, 1869, under special commission, issued for the purpose to D. D. G. M., H. Wartenberg, assisted by P. G., S. Benjamin, and B. Katz, of

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35, SAN DIEGO LODGE, No. 153, at San Diego, San Diego County, was instituted and the dispensation delivered to thirteen charter members, four of whom are Past Grands. After the election and installation of the following officers: (P. G.) J. R. Porter, N. G., A. M. Young, V. G., F. Mallette, P. S., S. S. Culverwell, Treasurer, one was admitted as a Non-Affiliated Odd Fellow. After thoroughly instructing the new Lodge in the secret work, Bro. Wartenberg says: "I left the Lodge in the hands of fourteen good and zealous Odd Fellows, with a great prospect before them to increase in numbers of the very best material." This Lodge is attached to District No. 30, but on account of the distance which a deputy has to travel to visit, I would recommend that a new district be created for San Diego County.

March 23d, 1869, assisted by P. G. M., C. N. Fox, G. S., T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. G. Treasurer of the State of Nevada, G. Finlay, D. D. G. M. of District No. 18, D. S. Whitney, and fifty-six brethren from San Jose Lodge, No. 34, and Garden City Lodge, No. 142, I instituted GILROY LODGE, No. 154, with ten charter members. After the election and installation of the following officers: (P. G.) H. W. Briggs, N. G., Amos Robinson, V. G., W. L. Hoover, S., C. P. Johnson, Treasurer, five were added by initiation. This Lodge is located in a flourishing town, and I predict for it a bright future. Having concluded the work, in the small hours of the night we sat down to a collation creditable to the Order, and with sentiments and speeches in keeping with the genius of our fraternity, closed one of the pleasantest gatherings enjoyed during my official term. This Lodge is attached to District No. 20.

March 25th, assisted by P. G. M., C. N. Fox, R. W. G. S., T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. G. W., John B. Harmon, R. W. G. T., H. B. Brooks, W. N. Hall, the G. S. of the State of Nevada, W. G. Marshall, W. K. Benjamin, and many Past Grands and brethren of the different Lodges of the city, I instituted PACIFIC LODGE, No. 155, in the city of San Francisco, with fifty-four charter members. The following were duly elected and installed officers for the remainder of the term: David Hunter, N. G., Thomas Ross, V. G., J. P. Spooner, P. S., H. T. Bestor, R. Secretary, A. S. Iredale, (P. G.) Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 1.

March 30th, 1869, under special commission issued to D. D. G. M., H. Wartenberg, assisted by several brethren, SANTA BARBARA LODGE, No. 156, in Santa Barbara County, was instituted with six charter members, all of whom, the deputy adds, "are thoroughly imbued with the principles of our beloved Order. Many persons desired to join this Lodge on the first day, but the brethren are resolved to admit none but such as will be a credit to the Order, and will therefore take their time, and not be in a great hurry to increase in numbers." The officers elect are Crowson Smith, N. G., T. B. Curley, V. G., Alfred Borsick, R. Secretary, W. F. M. Goss, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 30.

April 24th, assisted by P. G. M. Kendall, D. D. G. M., Talbot, D. D. G. M. Heilbron, P. G.'s. Louis Korn, G. K. Van Heusen, W. C. Felch, Warren Heaton, E. F. White, and in the presence of a very large concourse of the brethren of the various Lodges of the city, I instituted INDUSTRIAL LODGE, No. 157, in the city of Sacramento, with thirty-one charter members. After the installation of the following officers, to wit: G. W. Carroll, N. G., J. M. Ripley, V. G., J. A. Seaman, R. S., G. A. Stoddard, P. Secretary, and John Rippon, Treasurer, thirty-eight were admitted by initiation, making a total of sixty-nine members as the beginning for the new Lodge. From the character of the men composing Industrial Lodge, and from the fraternal feeling manifested by the members of the Order generally towards them, I predict a bright future for the sixth Lodge of Odd Fellows at the capitol of the State. This Lodge is attached to District No. 3.

April 24th, INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 158, was instituted at Railroad Flat, in Calaveras County, by D. D. G. Master C. B. Hopkins, who was specially commissioned for that purpose, with five Charter members. After the election and installation of the following officers, viz: Edwin Taylor, N. G., J. L. Swank, V. G., John Ayre, Secretary, and J. L. Hopper, Treasurer, sixteen were initiated, and two were received by deposit of card, and several propositions were received to be acted upon at the next regular meeting. This Lodge commences its history with twenty-three members, and from reports received of the character of the men composing this new Lodge, I am hopeful for its future. This Lodge is attached to District No. 34.

April 30th, SAN BENITO LODGE, No. 159, located at San Juan South, in Monterey County, was instituted under special commission issued for the purpose, by D. D. G. M. L. D. Holbrook, with five Charter members. The following are the officers: Samuel Waldenberg, N. G., S. W. Smith, V. G., Wm. V. McGarvey, R. S., G. W. Worrell, Treasurer. This Lodge is attached to District No. 33.

LODGES INSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR.

University Lodge, No. 144, at Oakland, Alameda County, June 20th, 1868.
 Hermann Lodge, No. 145, (to work in German,) San Francisco, July 8th.
 San Bernardino Lodge, No. 146, at San Bernardino, July 29th, 1868.
 San Lorenzo Lodge, No. 147, at Santa Cruz, August 19th, 1868.
 Havilah Lodge, No. 148, at Havilah, Kern County, September 1st, 1868.
 Wildey Lodge, No. 149, Tuolumne City, November 10th, 1868.
 Friendship Lodge, No. 150, at Guenoc, Lake County, December 25th, 1868.
 San Joaquin Lodge, No. 151, at Antioch, Contra Costa, January 9th, 1869.
 Salinas Lodge, No. 152, at Castroville, Monterey, January 23d, 1869.
 San Diego Lodge, No. 153, San Diego San Diego Co., March 23d, 1869.
 Gilroy Lodge, No. 154, at Gilroy, Santa Clara, March 23d, 1869.
 Pacific Lodge, No. 155, at San Francisco, March 25th, 1869.
 Santa Barbara Lodge, No. 156, at Santa Barbara, March 30th, 1869.
 Industrial Lodge, No. 157, at Sacramento, April 24th, 1869.
 Independence Lodge, No. 158, at Calaveras, April 24th, 1869.
 San Benito Lodge, No. 159, South San Juan, Monterey County, April 30, 1869.
 Degree Lodge, No. 4, (German,) at San Francisco, June 26th.
 Degree Lodge, No. 5, at Oakland, February 13th, 1869.
 Numbers 144 to 159, both inclusive, are working under dispensations. I recommend that charters be granted to each of them.

DECISIONS.

First. The burying of a suicide with the honors of the Order, is a matter optional with the Lodge.

Second. A D. D. G. M. has no right to take the Chair of the N. G., except at the installation of officers. Neither should he give a decision unless appealed to in writing.

Third. It is not necessary for a D. D. G. M. to retire, and announce himself officially upon entering, in order that his decision should be valid.

Fourth. A Lodge has no right to grant leave of absence to an elective officer; absence caused by sickness being the only exception to actual service to entitle the holder to the honors of office.

Fifth. A Noble Grand does not, after serving in his office twenty-two nights, and is absent the remainder of the term, lose the honors of his office, unless another is elected in his stead.

Sixth. On an appeal from the action of Alturas Lodge, No. 80, under date of October 23d, 1868, by Brother J. C. Boreing, V. G. and acting N. G. at the time, in which the Lodge refused to grant leave of absence for the remainder of the term from October 10th to Brother L. W. French, the N. G. of the Lodge, I sustained the action of the Lodge.

Seventh. In the absence of the N. G., V. G., P. G., or P. V. G., there can be no initiation.

Eighth. December 1st, 1868, D. D. G., Master of District No. 36, Bro. Jno. C. Holland, sent me the papers in a case in controversy between himself and University Lodge, No. 144, located at Oakland, wherein the fact is set forth that on the twentieth, of November a motion was made and carried at a regular meeting of University Lodge, No. 144, instructing the Secretary to ask of the D. D. G. M. a dispensation to permit certain brothers members of said Lodge to have the Fourth and Fifth degrees conferred out of the district (viz :) in San Francisco.

The request was refused, and notwithstanding the refusal, the degrees were conferred by Excelsior Degree Lodge, No. 2.

Brother Holland asked my decision, which was to the effect that D. D. has no authority in the premises. That the office is of the Grand Lodge appointing, and the officer will find his entire duties defined in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Article IV, Section 6, and that Article V, Section 2, of Subordinates, is not binding, as will be seen by reference to report of M. W. G. Sire—Session, 1867, page, 4187, which report was adopted. See page 4201.

Ninth. January 17th, Brother G. W. Fox, D. D. of District No. 20, decided against a custom which had obtained in San Jose, of the meeting of San Jose Lodge, No. 34, and Garden City Lodge, No. 142, at one and the same time and place, with officers of both Lodges in their respective chairs, for the purpose of conferring Degrees. I reversed the decision, and gave permission to continue this custom until the sitting of this Grand Lodge.

Tenth. August, 1868, Brother Drummond, D. D. of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, V. I., submitted the following question, to wit :—"Can a brother apply as non-affiliated Odd Fellow in the same jurisdiction as the Lodge from which he has been suspended for non-payment of dues; three years having expired or elapsed since his suspension?"

I delayed answering the question at the time of its receipt, in the expectation that the G. L. of the U. S., at its session in September following, would take further action upon this important subject, and make plain the duty of Lodges in the premises. From the fact that said G. L. deferred action until its next session, which will be held in this city in September next, coupled with the fact that this G. L. has, upon three occasions, put its construction upon the law, I also delayed until too late rendering a decision upon the question, believing it a subject, under the circumstances, resting entirely with the G. L. of the U. S. to decide.

Eleventh. Is the keeping of a liquor saloon, within the meaning, spirit and intent of our laws, a respectable known means of support?

This question I deem one of considerable import, and one which, in view of existing opinions, requires due and careful consideration. In my answer, I

shall endeavor to be governed by the force of the Logic, and the Genius of our Order.

In deciding upon the respectability of an occupation, some reference must be had to the meaning of the terms employed, and thereby fix some standard of judgment.

Respectable we find to be the equivalent of reputable, honorable, deserving of respect, etc. Thus we find the standard of judgment to be the public estimate of any calling which, like the standard of grammatical accuracy, may be said to be such as is entertained by the opinions of the best portions of society, or most honorable of men.

The second standard of judgment to which I would appeal, is one in conformity with the Genius of our Order.

It cannot be denied that the Genius of our Order forbids the pursuit of any calling which does not directly or indirectly contribute to the natural wants of men, or in some manner confer a benefit on mankind. That calling only is reputable, according to the Genius of our institution (as derived from all its teachings) which, in its results, contributes to the rational enjoyment and happiness of men, accords with high and honorable citizenship, which may bear comparison with all useful occupations, and by following which, is to share the labors and responsibilities of life.

We have then, for our guide, two standards of judgment, to wit:

- 1st. The highest public or general estimate.
- 2d. The meaning of the term in the light of the Genius of our Order.

I have taken a higher standard of judgment than the Statute books, from the fact that good men are always better than the laws require them to be, and Odd-Fellows are better men than the average of mankind.

Judged by these, I am constrained to answer your question in the negative.

Twelfth. Appeal taken by Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 112, from the decision of the D. D. Grand Master, Edmund Lane, in the case of A. G. Wood, N. G., appellant vs. Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, respondent—relating to weekly benefits.

On motion to grant benefits to a brother, objection was made upon the ground that he was thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, and consequently not entitled, under the By-Laws of said Lodge—Art. VIII. Sec. IV., as follows:

“SEC. 4. No member who may neglect his dues for the space of thirteen weeks, shall be entitled to receive benefits by reason of any payment he may make during his sickness or bodily infirmity.”

The Noble Grand read Art. V. Sec. I. of the By-Laws of the Lodge in support of his decision that any member less than six months in arrears was entitled to receive pecuniary benefits.

Brother Benjamin appealed from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge.

Upon the question being put by the Vice Grand, to-wit: “Shall the decision of the Noble Grand stand as the judgment of this Lodge?” the decision of the Noble Grand was overruled.

The Noble Grand then appealed to the D. D. Grand Master, who sustained in his decision the Noble Grand, from whose decision the Lodge appealed to the Grand Master.

In reviewing the above case, which is purely one of law, the first error committed, was in the question being put by the Vice Grand, "Shall the decision stand, &c.?" No question can be stated or put to vote except from the Chair of the Noble Grand, and there is no evidence that the Vice Grand occupied the Chair of the Noble Grand when putting the question to vote; this act being void, the whole subsequent action falls, as the Lodge has not acted legally upon the appeal from the decision of the Noble Grand.

Upon the law governing the case my decision is that the Lodge has no claims upon a brother for his quarterly dues until the expiration of the thirteen weeks; then, and then only, commences the neglect, so that a brother must owe his Lodge twenty-six weeks' dues before he can be said to have neglected the payment of his quarterly dues for thirteen weeks. A note given, payable in sixty days, does not mature until the end of the sixty days, and if then paid there has not been any neglect. So with dues.

I therefore sustain the decision of the Noble Grand, and the subsequent decision of the D. D. G. M., E. Lane.

VISITATIONS.

I have visited all the Lodges, and performed all the work and duties enjoined upon and demanded of me, by virtue of my office, during my official term, which the prior demands of my professional calling, and the duties to my family would permit; and no one can regret more than myself the existence of circumstances unfavorable to a more general visitation. As it is, I report as having been visited officially during the year, either by myself or by P. G. M., C. N. Fox, or G. R., C. W. Dannals, acting under special commission from me to instruct the Lodges and to perform such other duties as should be demanded of them to promote the good of the Order, a total of fifty-one Lodges, to wit: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 32, 34, 35, 38, 40, 43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 62, 71, 73, 81, 87, 96, 98, 100, 105, 106, 112, 116, 122, 123, 124, 129, 132, 134, 135, 138, 139, 146, 147, 154, 155.

June 6th, 1868, officially visited Sutter Lodge, No. 100, at Wheatland, Yuba County, in company with seventy brothers from Sacramento, and conferred the Degree of Robekah upon six wives of Odd Fellows. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, having doubled its membership during the past year.

August 4th, 1868, visited Union Lodge, No. 48, located at Moor's Flat, in Nevada County, and although this was a called meeting on short notice, yet I met thirty out of a membership of thirty-seven, of as true and earnest Odd Fellows as are to be found in the jurisdiction. This is a Lodge never before visited by a Grand Officer, and fully demonstrates the fact that Lodges may flourish surrounded by adverse circumstances, and unvisited by officials, if thoroughly imbued with the idea that our mission is to elevate mankind.

August 13th, visited, in company with D. D. Grand Master M. M. Lown, and P. G. Knotwell, Forest City Lodge, No. 32. This was a called meeting. Met a goodly number of the brethren. The books, Lodge room, regalia, and everything connected therewith, furnished conclusive evidence of a model Lodge.

August 13th, in the afternoon, agreeable to previous notice given for the purpose of arriving at a conclusion relating to the best interests of the Order, especially as regards Forest City and Mistletoe Lodges, I met twenty members of No. 54, nineteen members of No. 32, three P. G.'s of No. 24, and two of No. 48. The spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired, in the exhibition of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. The conclusions arrived at, and which have been acted upon up to this time was to continue as before, with no change as regards location or condition of Lodges 32 and 54, which it was

proposed to consolidate and change the respective places of meeting, each from Forest City and Minnesota to a place midway, known as Alleghany Town.

August 14th, visited Onstomah Lodge, No. 16. This was a called meeting, and not very largely attended; but from indications observed, as well as from the report of my Deputy, this Lodge is justly entitled to be esteemed as among the strong and active redeeming agencies of the Order.

November 4th, 1868, visited in company with P. Grand Master C. N. Fox, R. W. Grand Warden J. B. Harmon, and P. G. P. Lewis Soher, San Jose Lodge, No. 34; witnessed the initiation of four candidates, which was performed in a creditable manner by all those officiating. After the initiation, and while I was addressing the Lodge, the quiet and order of the meeting was sadly disturbed by an earthquake of such decided power as to almost as suddenly clear the Hall of brothers as it cut short my speech. The Lodges in San Jose are reaping a rich harvest, and garnering true men for the contest which truth is waging against selfishness and wrong.

December 9th, 1868, officially visited Eureka Lodge, No. 4. Addressed the Lodge in remarks upon our duties and responsibilities to each other and to the world. The brethren are earnest workers, as will be seen by a comparison of numbers with their former report, for increase in numerical strength and financial resources are unmistakable evidences of laudable emulation.

December 12, 1868, visited Sacramento Lodge, No. 2. This is the largest and wealthiest Lodge in the city, only because it is the oldest. Harmony among its members, and unostentatious benevolence in carrying out the teachings of our Order, as in the past so at present, characterize its members, and stamp it with the impress of noble purposes.

December 14th, 1868, visited El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, and addressed them, by request, upon the duties and privileges as connected with our Order. This Lodge, as well as all the Lodges of Sacramento, do their work in a creditable manner, and are earnest Odd Fellows, enjoying unusual prosperity in an increase of membership as well as financially, fully keeping pace with the universal enterprise of the City of the Plains.

Have on several occasions during the year visited Capitol Lodge, No. 87, and Schiller Lodge, No. 105, and take pleasure in bearing testimony of their devotion to the principles and teachings of Odd Fellowship. Their future betokens noble achievements in the strife for the supremacy of right over wrong.

March 5th, I visited Apollo Lodge, No. 123. Witnessed the initiation of five candidates, which for correct execution would furnish a model worthy of imitation in any Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

I addressed the brethren upon our high destiny and individual responsibilities as members of a brotherhood whose mission is to elevate and improve the character of man, and was, from the manner in which my remarks were received, well assured that I was touching cords used to vibrating in sympathy with the highest conceptions of duty as Odd Fellows.

March 24th, I visited Germania Lodge, No. 116, was kindly received and listened to with marked interest while speaking of the duties which as Odd Fellows we have assumed, while I urged the importance of laboring with greater zeal to promote the unity of mankind. This Lodge is in a flourishing and healthy condition financially and fraternally.

March 24th, visited Templar Lodge, No. 17, and witnessed the ceremony of initiation of three candidates, which in point of precise and impressive ex-

ecution, challenged my hearty admiration. This Lodge reports a membership of four hundred and sixteen, with an average attendance of one hundred and thirty.

March 25th, I visited Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, addressed the members briefly in remarks of encouragement, which found a response in the hearts of as noble a brotherhood as is to be found in this or any other jurisdiction. This Lodge reports four hundred and eighty-four members on the 1st of April, after fifty-four had withdrawn by card, to become charter members in a new Lodge. May the offspring prove worthy of the high honor which follows correct training, so that when it is old in years and experience it shall not depart from the path of duty and high destiny.

March 25th, visited Abou Ben Adham Lodge, No. 112, and addressed the Lodge, after which I installed the Vice Grand, and his Right and Left Supporters.

April 5th, visited San Pablo Lodge, No. 43, at Vallejo. This Lodge performs its work in a creditable manner, has a good attendance and is in a prosperous condition. Four propositions were read and referred to committees, and two were reported favorably upon, and balloted for and elected. I met several Past Grands and brethren from other Lodges in the Lodge room; and after I had spoken to them for some thirty minutes, was greatly pleased to hear from quite a number, and to hear in every case the report that at no former time were the Lodges enjoying as great a degree of prosperity as at the present. This Lodge must, from the fact of its very enviable location, the unusual degree of prosperity and enterprise to be seen on every hand at Vallejo, and the unmistakable promise in the future, if true to the Order and its own character, be one of the most important and influential upon the coast.

April 8th, visited Yuba and Oriental Lodges, in Marysville. Had a large attendance of the members of both Lodges, a large delegation from Sutter, No. 100, as also several brethren from Oroville and Bidwell Lodges. The Lodges in Marysville are in a flourishing condition, fully up to the highest standard of excellence in all that pertains to Odd-Fellowship. In fact, I regard the Order in the healthiest and most flourishing of any of the material interests of that pleasant northern city of the State.

April 16th, I visited, in company with Grand Representative C. W. Daniels, and some twenty-five brothers from Sacramento, Granite Lodge, No. 62, at Folsom. The G. R. exemplified the entire work in his usual plain and impressive style, to the very evident satisfaction, as well as profitable effect to all present. In my remarks, which were received with apparent favor, I endeavored to stimulate the brotherhood in the faithful discharge of duties assumed and known to ourselves, and yet not to ourselves alone, for the world knows something of our obligations, and are sitting in judgment on our daily walk, by which their verdict when given, will effect to an extent the entire brotherhood. This Lodge is doing a good work.

RESIGNATIONS.

June 3d, 1868, I received the declination of P. G., F. A. Charleville, to accept the commission sent him as D. D. G. M., of District No. 19, and in his stead I commissioned P. G., E. G. Freeman, of Jackson Lodge, No. 36.

June 5th, 1868, received the resignation of P. G., Joseph Brehm, as D. D. G. M., of District No. 36, and upon his recommendation I appointed in his stead P. G., John C. Holland, of Oakland Lodge, No. 118.

October 3d, 1868, I received the resignation of D. D. G. M., M. M. Lown, of District No. 18, and in his stead, upon the recommendation of P. G., H. Strange, commissioned P. G., David L. Whitney, of Sierra Lodge, No. 24.

November 14th, 1868, I received the resignation of D. D. G. M., Henry Robinson, of District No. 41, and in his stead appointed P. G., I. C. Charles, of Plumas Lodge, No. 88, upon the recommendation of Plumas Lodge, No. 88, and Indian Valley Lodge, No. 136, endorsed by the retiring Deputy.

December 3d, 1868, I received the resignation of D. D. G. M., C. O. Burton, of District No. 7, and appointed in his stead P. G., T. K. Hook, of Stockton Lodge, No. 11.

December 5th, I received the following resignation, and instructed the papers on appeal to be placed in the hands of R. W. G. W., J. B. Harmon, with authority to act as Chairman of Committee of Appeals.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4th, 1868.

C. S. HASWELL, ESQ., M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., California:

DEAR SIR: Circumstances transpiring since the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and well known to yourself, will prevent my presence at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and necessitate my resignation of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Appeals, which is hereby respectfully tendered.

Fraternally yours,

A. A. SARGENT.

DISPENSATIONS.

June 8th, 1868, received through D. D. G. M., William S. Burns, of District No. 12, a request from Cosumnes Lodge, No. 63, asking permission to have a public installation, and a procession and ball, in the name of the Order, on the first day of July. Granted a dispensation upon the assurance that the requirements of the Grand Lodge of the United States are complied with.

June 15th, granted a dispensation to Clear Lake Lodge, No. 130, to publicly install their officers and give a ball in the name of the Order on the 1st of July, and to appear in the Regalia of the Order.

June 16th, granted a dispensation to Cosumnes Lodge, No. 63, to publicly install their officers on the 1st of July, and to conclude the day with a ball and supper, to be given in the name of the Order.

October 7th, 1868, at the request, under seal of the Lodge, and in conformity with their By-Law, Article XX, Section 1, which reads as follows: "No candidate shall be initiated on the same evening of his election, without a special dispensation from the Grand Master," I granted to Templar Lodge, No. 17, permission to initiate certain persons on the night of their election, viz: on the 14th of October, 1868.

October 17th, granted a dispensation to Templar Lodge, No. 17, to celebrate their anniversary with a party and supper given in the name of the Order.

October 27th, granted a dispensation to Branciforte Lodge, No. 96; San Lorenzo Lodge, No. 147; Sequoi Lodge, No. 137; Pajaro Lodge, No. 90; to celebrate with public procession, supper and ball, the dedication of Odd Fellows' Hall, in Santa Cruz, on the 6th of November.

October 30th, granted dispensation to Ione Lodge, No. 51, to appear in Regalia in public procession, and to give a ball in the name of the Order, on the 13th of November, on the occasion of dedicating a Hall to the purposes and dissemination of the principles of Benevolence and Charity.

November 10th, granted dispensation to Unity Lodge, No. 131, to give a ball and supper in the name of the Order, to aid in furnishing the Lodge, to take place on the 12th of November.

November 11th, granted dispensation to Ocean View Lodge, No. 143, located at Spanishtown, San Mateo County, to give a ball and supper in the name of the Order, on the 26th instant, on the occasion of dedicating a new Hall to the purposes of Odd Fellowship.

November 17th, 1868, upon petition under seal and properly attested, from San Pablo Lodge, No. 43, located at Vallejo, asking permission to change the location and meetings of said Lodge from Bro. Aspenall's building to the Masonic Hall, which was represented to be larger and more suitable for Lodge purposes. I granted the same, and the meetings have continued to be since held in said Masonic building.

December 29th, granted a dispensation to Jackson Lodge, No. 36, located at Jackson, Amador County, to install their officers in public, and in a Hall other than their usual place of meeting.

March 9th, 1869, granted dispensation to Hope Lodge, No. 33, to reinstate Thomas L. Lindsay, who was expelled from said Lodge, January 26th, 1860.

March 18th, granted dispensation to Sycamore Lodge, No. 129, located at Hayward's, in Alameda County, to publicly dedicate a Hall, and to give a ball in the name of the Order, on the 30th day of April, to aid in raising funds to furnish said Hall.

March 29th, upon petition properly attested, and under seal of Clear Lake Lodge, No. 130, I granted a dispensation to said Lodge to reinstate David M. Hanson, who was expelled, July 24th, 1867, "for contempt in failing to respond to certain charges brought against him."

SPECIAL COMMISSIONS.

February 15th, I gave a commission to Grand Representative Bro. C. W. Dannals as a Special Deputy, with authority to visit such Lodges as he could make it convenient for the purpose of giving instruction and encouragement. From his detailed report to me, and from letters received from the Lodges visited, I am satisfied that great good will result to the Order through his labors. Most of the Lodges visited by him, but for this delegated authority must have gone without an official visitation during my term of office. Bro. Dannals visited seventeen Lodges; only four of which I had visited. The thanks of this Grand Lodge and my own are due Bro. Dannals for his valuable efforts to secure uniformity in the workings of our Order.

November 9th, 1868, I gave P. G. M., C. N. Fox a commission as my Special Deputy, "to act in all matters appertaining to the good and welfare of our beloved Order," to instruct in the secret work, and to give such counsel and advice to all Lodges that he might find it convenient for him to visit for me, as in his judgment the same might require, and to report to me all acts under and by virtue of said authority.

From his report, submitted on the 20th of April, I learn that he has visited Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35, Bohemian Lodge, No. 135, and San Bernardino Lodge, No. 146; that he exemplified the work thoroughly and gave two public lectures, relating to the Order. From his report, and from report of my Deputy Bro. Whartenberg, I am satisfied that a great amount of good to the Order will result from his visits; and I take pleasure in publicly thanking Bro. Fox in the name of the Grand Lodge, for his valuable services, under and by virtue of said commission.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

July 1st, 1868, under special commission to D. D. G. M., W. P. Berry, of District No. 10, assisted by several of the brothers, a new Hall was dedicated to the purposes of Odd Fellowship at Clear Lake, in Lake County.

July 24th, 1868, I dedicated a Hall to the purposes of our Order in Santa Clara, assisted by R. W. G. Warden, J. B. Harmon, R. W. G. S., T. Rodgers, Johnson, R. W. G. T., H. B. Brooks, P. G. M., C. N. Fox and others. This Hall is in a brick building, large, and tastefully fitted up, and unincumbered with debt, being owned entire by members of the Lodge.

November 6th, 1868, assisted by P. G. P., Lewis Soher; P. G. R., Daniel Norcross, Rev. C. G. Ames and many others, I dedicated in Santa Cruz for Branciforte Lodge, No. 96, and San Lorenzo Lodge, No. 147, a new and commodious Hall.

Delegations were present from Soquel Lodge, No. 137, and Pajaro Lodge, No. 90. In the evening I had the pleasure of meeting a full hall, and of addressing the Order present upon the living issues of the present period in our eventful history. From indications apparent at the time, and from reports from Santa Cruz received since, I feel justified in saying that the Order is fully up to the demands of the community, as an active leavening agent for the bettering of mankind.

November 13th, assisted by P. G. M., D. Kendall, P. G.'s. Louis Korn, Geo. Nelson, Thomas Ford, John Fisher, G. K. Van Heusen, B. Kozminsky and others. I dedicated to Friendship, Love and Truth for Ione Lodge, No. 51 at Ione City, a new Hall, reared and owned jointly with the Masonic Lodge of the town, in presence of the members of both Orders, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen. In the evening I met the brethren in their new Hall and am satisfied that Odd Fellowship has a habitation and a home in that vicinity for all time to come.

January 14th, 1869, under and by virtue of a commission issued on the 13th instant to G. P., C. N. Fox, assisted by W. K. Benjamin, Grand Marshal, D. B. Woolf, Grand Representative and others, was dedicated, at Petaluma, to the inculcation of the principles of Benevolence and Charity, a new Hall, owned by Petaluma Lodge, No. 30. This Hall, Brother Fox adds, is neatly fitted up, and well adapted to the uses of both Lodge and Encampment.

November 26th, 1868, under special commission for the purpose, D. D. G. M., Geo. W. Fox, assisted by several brethren, dedicated a Hall at Spanish-town, San-Mateo county, for Ocean View Lodge, No. 143.

April 30th, I dedicated a new and beautiful hall for Sycamore Lodge, No. 129, at Hayward's, Alameda county, assisted by Brothers Drummond, McKelvey, and other P. G.'s, in the presence of a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen, and delegations from several adjoining Lodges. After an address, which was received with apparent favor by all present, and the singing of our Closing Ode, the exercises in the upper hall closed, and another programme was announced, which, together with a brief time consumed in doing justice to a bountiful repast, extended through the long vigils of the night, to the evident satisfaction of those who take pleasure in an Odd Fellows' Ball. I will also add that, upon this occasion, the brethren had respect to the action and requirements of the G. L. of the U. S., and guests were not furnished with intoxicating liquors.

Eight Halls were dedicated during the year, as follows:

July 1st, 1868, Clear Lake Lodge, No. 130, by W. P. Berry.

July 24th, 1868, Santa Clara Lodge, No. 52, by Grand Master.

November 6th, 1868, Branciforte Lodge, No. 96, San Lorenzo Lodge, No. 147, by G. M.

November 13th, 1868, Ione Lodge, No. 57, by Grand Master.

November 23d, Ocean View Lodge, No. 143, by G. W. Fox.

January 14th, 1869, Petaluma Lodge, No. 30, by Chas. N. Fox.

September 1st, 1868, Havilah Lodge, No. 148, by C. L. Thomas.

April 30th, 1869, Sycamore Lodge, No. 129, by Grand Master.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CIRCULARS.

June 4th, 1868, issued circulars to all D. D. G. M.'s in the jurisdiction, calling their attention to the requirements appertaining to their office, and giving such instructions as I conceived to be necessary to insure uniformity in the discharge of the duties of the office.

June 11th, 1868, issued proclamation granting dispensation to all Lodges subordinate to the R. W. G. Lodge of California to appear in public procession with the regalia of the Order, on our National Anniversary, the Fourth day of July, A. D. 1868.

December 3d, 1868, issued proclamation to all Lodges in the jurisdiction, giving notice of the action of the Grand Lodge U. S. in dispensing with the "Aprons" heretofore worn by our Order; also, in relation to the action relating to "Cards" being within the jurisdiction authority for communicating the S. A. P. W.

March 4th, 1869, issued proclamation for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary, as follows :

To all Lodges I. O. O. F.

Subordinate to the R. W. G. L. of California :

On the 26th day of next April, our Order will be crowned with its first Semi-Centennial Anniversary. That day will complete the fiftieth year since its introduction into our country. From its first inception it has been a harbinger of peace and good will toward men. By its record of good deeds; by its growth and enlargement, as a *system* of unostentatious benevolence and broad philanthropy—it has earned the right to wear its fifty years of history as bays of regal youthfulness, or the laurels of noble achievement.

It has practised the holiness of helpfulness, and beautified the thorny pathway of life by strewing the roses of relief and assistance.

It has been a home to the wanderer, and a ministering angel to the stranger, as tender and true as the loved ones of his distant household.

It has alleviated pain by its ministrations at the bedside of affliction, and followed in undissembled mourning the funeral cortege.

It has reviewed the grand lessons of death in the solemn funeral rights, and marked and beautified the silent cities where tender memories cluster.

It has protected widowhood, and shielded the orphan from ignorance and want.

It has formed a strong bond of unity in society, and promoted harmony and social order among men.

It has reconciled differences and maintained amicable relations between contending fragments and classes of society.

It has promoted the cause of education, and the diffusion of intelligence.

It has inspired self-respect, and engendered morality by a recognition of equality before its altar.

It has strengthened the cause of popular liberty by the Democratic form of its government, as well as by its power to combine without exclusiveness, and its tendencies toward the unity of mankind.

It has solved the problem and established the right of private consociation, independent of the State, and not inimical to the State.

It has vindicated the beneficence of our Republican institutions, and put to shame the false statesmanship which would have limited the exercise of the fraternizing impulses to the dreary solitude of our social group of the State establishments.

It has borne the fruits of true religion by its constant activity in good works.

It has led men to a knowledge and realization of the Fatherhood of God, by teaching them the brotherhood of men.

Commemoratory of an event which has proven so signal as a social and National blessing, the Grand Lodge of the United States—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and their Subordinates, be and they are hereby recommended to celebrate in an appropriate manner, on the 26th of April next, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in America.

At the last Annual Session of our own Grand Body the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be and they are hereby requested to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Order, by setting apart that day for special thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, and a day of rejoicing in our Order throughout our borders, by the members abstaining from their usual avocations, and assembling as Lodges in their several localities, or where Lodges are contiguous, by uniting at some central point and celebrating the day by public procession, oration, and such other demonstrations and exercises as may be appropriate to the occasion.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be and is hereby requested to issue his proclamation in accordance with the foregoing resolution, granting all Lodges and assemblies of Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction permission to appear in full regalia upon that occasion.

Now, therefore, in fraternal subordination, and in accordance with the joyous promptings the grateful event inspires, I do hereby issue this my Proclamation; and, by the authority vested in me by the Laws of the Order, grant this my dispensation to all Lodges subordinate to the R. W. G. L. of California to celebrate the 26th day of April, A. D. 1869, with such appropriate ceremonies as befit the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of our beloved Order in America; and, on that occasion, to appear in public in the Regalia and with the emblems of the Order. And they are hereby fraternally recommended to avail themselves of this dispensation to observe the day as one of joyous thanksgiving to that God under whose providence our Order has been the minister, and in whose hands it has been the instrument of untold blessings to men. And, with gratitude for its perpetuity and usefulness, let us devoutly pray that its genius of Liberty, Fraternity, and Peace, may shine with undimmed lustre when it may claim centuries of retrospection.

DEATH.

It becomes my painful duty to announce to this Grand Lodge, the death of an honored and beloved Brother,

SILAS W. BROCKWAY, RIGHT WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

of this Jurisdiction. He died at the home of a friend, Alvinza Hayward, in San Mateo, at 5 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, A. D. 1869, of congestive chill. His departure was so unlooked for, that the news of his death smote upon the heart like the tidings of a great calamity. Occupying a relation so intimately connected with me in the discharge of official duties; seat-

ed convenient to assume the high responsibilities of my station in the event of my demise, or disability, which event judged by all the light given to man to understand the unwritten history of the Father of our Spirits, was more probable than his taking off. I could not do less, and even felt like doing more than I did when, upon the first knowledge which I received of his death, on the morning of the 30th, I telegraphed to G. S., T. R. Johnson, directing, the members of the Standing Committee to take charge of the body in the name of the Grand Lodge, and to spare no efforts to honor his memory in a manner befitting the man and the Order wherein he stood forth as a representative man.

Under the direction of Bros. J. B. Harmon, G. W., and T. Rodgers Johnson, G. S., aided by the members of the Order, and by Judges and members of the Bar, friends and admirers of a genial companion, the obsequies took place on Saturday, the third day of April, commencing at noon, consisting of a procession formed at Covenant Hall, marching to Dr. Stebbins' Church, where religious services were performed, thence to Lone Mountain Cemetery, where, after the burial service was read by the G. M., and the concluding prayer offered by Rev. B. G. Lathrop—the evergreen, the memento of an undying remembrance was dropped upon the casket, and Pall-bearers placed the body in the new and beautiful vault of his cherished friend. Thus was the duty discharged in “burying the dead” and for the first time in the history of our Grand Lodge, in a period of seventeen years, have we been called to this sad duty to an elective Grand Officer, during his official term.

In view of the circumstances of the sad dispensation, of his position in the Grand Lodge, of his solitary loneliness in his last moments; no wife or child to image him upon hearts of love and devotion, I would suggest that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions to present at this Session of this Grand Lodge.

The following is the list of P. G.'s who have died during the year :

Jas. C. Hasson, Templar Lodge, 17.	Henry Coster, Napa Lodge, 18.
G. H. Ryder, Templar Lodge, 17.	Eliza Logan, Oroville Lodge, 57.
T. McDanel, Cherokee Lodge, 92.	S. Davis, Telegraph Lodge, 79.
J. G. Whitelaw, “ “	E. G. Hall, Hornitos Lodge, 99.
Nicholas Snell, Mineral Lodge, 106.	L. W. Baltzell, Yreka Lodge, 19.
J. N. Rosenberg, Red Bluff Lodge, 76.	E. C. Clarke, Mt. Diablo Lodge, 128
Thomas Ross, Sacramento Lodge, 2.	Geo. R. Moore, Eureka Lodge, 4.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, empowered State and Territorial Grand Lodges to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, under certain forms and regulations. (See page 4383.)

Viewing this department of Odd Fellowship in the light of a great necessity, without which our Order would lack the crowning grace—which commends it as a perfectly symmetrical edifice in the cause of human benefaction, and in the absence of which the wonderful prosperity everywhere observable at this proud period in our history, would fail to exist; and firmly believing that opportunity only is lacking to render this branch of our Order far more beneficial, as an instrument to hasten the period when man's efforts shall be more firmly united in labors to secure the hastening of the period when all men shall be governed by the golden rule: “to do unto others as they would have others do unto them;” I would earnestly recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the institution of “Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah,” at such places as they may think proper; such Lodges to possess the powers and to enjoy the privileges defined by the G. L. of the United States; and to establish such laws

and rules as they may deem proper—subject, however, to the approval of the G. L. to which they shall be subordinate.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I cannot forbear calling attention to the contemplated meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its next Annual Communication, viz., in September, A. D. 1869, in the city of San Francisco, regarding it as an event of very great importance and interest, not only to our Order, but likewise to the entire industrial and commercial interests of the State of California. I would earnestly recommend to this Grand Lodge, early in the session, to create a committee, charged with the very important matters involved, to whom all papers, correspondence and information relating thereto shall be submitted; said committee to be clothed with power and authority to do all that may be necessary in regard to the transportation from and to Omaha, free of expense, to all accredited Representatives and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

March 5th, I called the Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge together in the office of the Grand Secretary. Present, Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Representative Gunnison, and G. P., C. N. Fox. Matters relating to the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States being held in California this present year were discussed, and a special committee of three, consisting of the G. M., G. W. and G. P., was elected to confer with the President and officers of the Central Pacific Railroad in relation to securing the most favorable terms for bringing from and returning to Omaha the Officers and Representatives of said Grand Body, and to report to the G. S. as soon as an answer could be obtained, so as to enable him to advise the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter, to the end that he, James L. Ridgely, could, at an early day, communicate the same to the several Grand Lodges. The committee discharged the duty assigned them, and will submit their report for your action.

ODD FELLOWS' COLLEGE AND HOME.

After much deliberation, I am constrained by a sense of duty to the future of the Order to offer a few suggestions, and recommendations under this head. Our jurisdiction is destined to hold a dense population; our cities are soon to become among the first on the continent in population and commercial importance; our Order will keep pace numerically with the increase of population, and we may safely estimate from this time forth, a rapid increase of membership. Under existing social and financial conditions, we are not called upon to study economy, but these conditions will measurably change with a more dense population and a more mature settlement of our country. We owe it to each other as Brothers of this Order to provide for the support and education of the orphans of those who leave no fortune or legacy to those dependent upon them for support. We also, need an economical School for the education of the children of living Odd Fellows—one wherein, by reason of its State character and liberal patronage, an education for their children would be brought within the reach of the poorest among us. We also, need a Home for aged and infirm Odd Fellows, who have become a charge upon their Subordinate Lodges. All these wants and requirements can be supplied by a single institution, combining in its plans and structure the demands set forth. We have examples in this State of Colleges reared and endowed without tax upon the generosity of our citizens, but rather by sharing in the enhancement in values of real estate, consequent upon their construction. We also, have an example of an Orphan's Home now being erected by a sister Order, which when completed will be a monument to the benevolence of that Order, of which it may well be proud, for which the necessary funds for its erection were obtained

without burden to the benevolent. These triumphs of financiering skill afford examples worthy of imitation. I have investigated this whole question far enough to state confidently that a College for the education of children of Odd Fellows in connection with a Home for the orphans of the Order, and for the aged and infirm, would prove the most economical method of caring for such as fall to our charge, while it would greatly promote the cause of Education. I am also, of the opinion that if inaugurated at an early day it can be placed upon a sound financial basis without taxing our Treasuries, or depending upon the liberality of individuals. Past action in this direction would seem to indicate that each succeeding administration had come in contact with this want, and recognized it by some recommendation looking to the establishment of an Orphan's Home. Committees have been appointed, but no report has been received from them to indicate that the question has received due consideration at their hands. The time of a Session of this Grand Lodge is too limited to elaborate plans and details, and I therefore recommend that this Session decide upon the feasibility and desirableness of such an institution, and place the duty of its inauguration in the hands of a competent Committee with instructions and power to act under such restrictions as in your wisdom may be devised.

The limits of this report will not permit a full and complete argument in favor of the financial and fraternal value of this enterprise, but trusting that a due appreciation of those will be elicited by our deliberations here, I leave the question in your hands.

NEW AGE.

It were an insult to the intelligence of the age in which we live, and especially to the enlightenment of the Order, as regards the transcendent importance of the Press to the very existence of all reforms, to discuss the absolute necessity which exists for their being. Every enterprise and association seeks to secure this powerful auxiliary, and as the result, the world of progress moves with grandeur, astounding to this truly fast age in the world's history. This being a fact, and our Order being, as we claim for it, possessed of "intrinsic excellence," second to no other, and having in this jurisdiction a Paper, which for its high moral tone, and deep devotion to the principles of our Order, stands second to no other of its kind, as judged by its cotemporaries, as well as by a united Brotherhood on the Pacific Coast, it only remains for me in this connection, to give my testimony to the exalted character of the "New Age," and to express the hope that it shall in the future as in the past, continue to grow in favor with the Brotherhood, aiding with its mighty influence to elevate the character of man.

THANKS.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge, as also my own, are due to the following corporate bodies, for courtesies extended in traveling over their routes during my official term, viz: California Steam Navigation, Central Pacific Railroad, Sacramento Valley Railroad, California Pacific Railroad, and San Francisco and San Jose Rail Road.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I am happy to report that both our Representatives returned immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge, and promptly placed me in possession of the P. W's for 1869, and reported to me the changes in the secret work. Having faithfully discharged their duties as Representatives, and secured the sitting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco this present year, I feel the Order as well as myself owe them the meed of grateful recognition.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

With a few exceptions, the Deputies appointed by me at the last session have served faithfully during the year (and those exceptions gave good reasons

for resigning), aiding me in discharge of my duties, and contributing to make the year the most prosperous one in the history of this Grand Lodge.

Promptness in making their reports, courteous demeanor in their intercourse with me at all times, entitles them to my warmest thanks and personal regards.

GRAND SECRETARY.

It is a pleasure, as also a duty, to bear testimony to the faithful discharge of the trying and laborious duties of the office, by our R. W. Grand Secretary, T. Rodgers Johnson.

During my official term I have been aided by him at all times when solicited, with a promptness indicating a thorough acquaintance with the requirements and workings of the Order, yet always with a delicacy characteristic of the true gentleman.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From reports received through my Deputies, I am enabled to collate the following figures, showing the condition of our Order on the first of April, 1869 :

Number of working Lodges in the jurisdiction, one hundred and thirty-four; being an increase during the year of sixteen Lodges.

The membership in good standing is eleven thousand three hundred and fifty-four (11,354), being an increase during the year of one thousand seven hundred and eighteen (1718.)

The assets of the Lodges are as follows:

Value of Halls, Lots and Cemeteries.....	\$190,654
Value of Lodge Furniture and Regalia.....	81,700
Cash on hand.....	80,829
Money at interest.....	110,532
Value of Lodge Libraries.....	8,243
Stocks in Hall Associations.....	223,233
Real Estate and other property owned by Lodges.....	80,279
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Making a total of.....	\$775,470
Deduct for Lodge indebtedness.....	25,365
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$750,105

in the hands of our Subordinate Lodges, to aid in the great work peculiar to Odd Fellowship.

CONCLUSION.

One year ago I assumed the responsibilities attaching to, and inseparably connected with the official position of Grand Master of this jurisdiction. Upon that occasion I pledged you my best endeavors to add another chapter to the history of Odd Fellowship, unsullied by a single unworthy act of mine, either in my official or private capacity, so that in the event that God should spare my life to meet in this annual communication, I could return to you the trust committed to my hands as unsullied as when received.

I also promised that in writing up this history, if prosperity should crown the year, to ascribe, in a great degree, the results to my deputies. It only remains for me to say that the past has indeed been a year of signal prosperity in this entire jurisdiction. Not a single altar has been broken down, nor a

fire quenched to increase the darkness through which man gropes his way in pursuit of truth; but on the contrary, sixteen new Lodges have been instituted, and one thousand seven hundred and eighteen new men enrolled to serve in the war against vice which we have waged, because we seek to elevate the character of man.

We are a happy and united fraternity, with no schisms to divide or distract our attention from the pursuit of our high mission. We have witnessed the enthusiasm which springs from the proud consciousness of noble purposes and high resolves, in the very general observance of our Semi-Centennial Anniversary throughout the jurisdiction, by processions, poems, orations and social gatherings, which will tend to give the public a better knowledge of our purposes and our duties; and as a sequence, hundreds will seek to be taught at our altar, and to understand the workings of an Order whose duty it is to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan."

The great event of the age, the completion of railroad communication with the homes of our childhood, is lending its magic influence as well to our Order as to the other great enterprises of the day. The expected assembling of the officers and representatives of the highest tribunal of the Order upon our shores, has, from the time the first telegram in relation thereto was received from Baltimore, seemed to lend an additional impetus to our Lodges, and to urge the brotherhood to greater zeal in the discharge of the active duties of Odd-Fellowship.

From Victoria upon our north, to far-off Australia and New Zealand, with Colorado, Montana and our own island brood included, comes up the reports of unexampled prosperity and glorious achievements in the cause of human benefaction. Surely, as an Order, we have reached the high and wide stretching plains of the table lands of Odd-Fellowship, from which we not only at a glance note the birth of this child of the skies, but also from the same plain, our Pisgahs' height, view the promised land of universal brotherhood.

With pleasure I accord to my deputies full credit for their valuable services during the year; especially am I greatly indebted to those who have accepted commissions to institute Lodges, and have so nobly discharged the trust.

To my brother officers of the Grand Lodge I am greatly indebted for advice and valuable aid in the duties of my office. And to the brethren who have shown me, as they have everywhere, in a marked degree, consideration and courtesy, I return thanks from a warm heart, chastened by the duties and glories of the highest official position which I ever have, or expect to enjoy this side of the Odd Fellows' Home, on the other side of the river.

Until such time as the Grand Master of the Universe shall call me home, will I pray that He shall let His banner over us be Love, guiding us by His counsels through life, and afterwards receiving us to glory.

[C. S. HASWELL, Grand Master.

Rep. Hornblower, of No. 20, moved to refer the Report of the Grand Master to a Special Committee of five, to distribute the subjects contained therein. Carried.

The Grand Master appointed as such Committee:

- Rep. HORNBLOWER, of No. 20.
- Rep. MERRILL, of No. 5.
- Rep. LANE, of No. 1.
- Rep. FRANKLIN, of No. 4.
- Rep. DRUMMOND, of No. 1, V. I.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, }
San Francisco, May 4th, 1869. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

I submit for your consideration my report for the year ending this date.

Resolutions instructing me to perform certain duties as defined on pages 483, 515, 521, 525 and 526.

The first resolution, authorizing the printing of the Daily and revised Journal of the present session, in conformity with instructions therein contained, I have made a contract with Winterburn & Co., at \$5.75 per page, for revised Journal; no additional charge for the Daily Journal.

The second resolution, page 515, required me to compile all important decisions made by this Grand Lodge, which are entered on the Secret Journal. I have fulfilled this duty, and will submit the same during the secret session, or at your pleasure.

The third resolution requires me to publish an additional volume of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, with the names of all the members of this jurisdiction. I have fulfilled this duty, and submit the third volume for your approval.

The fourth resolution, instructing me to purchase a fire-proof safe for this office, has not been accomplished. During the past year I have endeavored to secure a safe suitable for the purpose, but have failed in securing one adapted to our wants for the amount to which I was limited, viz: \$500.00. I would suggest that the appropriation be increased to an amount that would provide such a one as the wants of the office require.

The fifth resolution required me to procure a portrait of M. W. Grand Master C. S. Haswell. I have performed this pleasing duty, and have deposited the same, in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge, in the Odd Fellows' Library, of this city.

The sixth resolution requiring me to compile all amendments to the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and print in the revised Journal, has been accomplished.

I report the number of Lodges at this date as.....	154
Number of Members, December 31, 1868.....	10,766
" " Past Grands ".....	1,696
" Initiated during the year.....	1,860
" Admitted by Card and otherwise.....	572
" Withdrawn.....	564
" Reinstated.....	121
" Ceased Membership.....	308
" Suspended.....	7
" Expelled.....	25
" Deceased.....	129
" Resigned.....	7
Amount of receipts of 143 Lodges for year ending Dec. 31, 1868..	\$259,376 50
" " assets of Lodges, June 30, 1868.....	542,311 09
" expended for relief.....	73,936 89

CASH RECEIPTS.

Assessments.....	\$7,982 30
Charter Fees	510 00
Supplies.....	583 65
Total Receipts.....	\$9,075 95
Representative Fund, \$2,677.90, a schedule of which is annexed.	

AMOUNTS DUE FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 20.....	\$ 80
Solano.....	22
Sonoma " ".....	28
San Pablo " ".....	43
Table Rock " ".....	49
Santa Rosa " ".....	53
Mistletoe " ".....	54
North Star " ".....	61
Mountain Brow " ".....	82
Vacaville " ".....	83
Plumas " ".....	88
Sutter " ".....	100
Chico " ".....	113
Germania " ".....	116
Sycamore " ".....	129
Clear Lake " ".....	130
Unity " ".....	131
Indian Valley " ".....	136
University " ".....	144
San Lorenzo " ".....	147
San Diego " ".....	153
Gilroy " ".....	154
Pacific " ".....	155
Santa Barbara " ".....	156
Victoria " ".....	1
	\$269 90

AMOUNT OVERPAID BY LODGES.

California Lodge, No. 1.....	\$ 40
Sacramento " ".....	2
Diamond Springs " ".....	9
Oustomah " ".....	16
Napa " ".....	18
Mountain Rose " ".....	26
Sutter Creek " ".....	31
San José " ".....	34
Los Angeles " ".....	35
Placer " ".....	38
Cosumnes " ".....	63
Big Tree " ".....	68
Mt. Shasta " ".....	70
Crusade " ".....	93
American " ".....	108
Mission Peak " ".....	114
Meadow Lake " ".....	125
	\$132 00

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REPRESENTATIVE FUND.

1869.				Lodge, No.		
Jan.	4--	To Cash received from California		1....	\$	78 25
"	14	"	" Sacramento	"	2...	61 25
"	9	"	" San Francisco	"	3....	68 50
"	14	"	" Eureka	"	4....	36 00
"	16	"	" Yuba	"	5...	42 50
"	18	"	" Charity	"	6....	39 50
"	16	"	" Auburn	"	7....	13 50
"	14	"	" El Dorado	"	8....	35 75
"	16	"	" Diamond Springs	"	9....	6 50
"	19	"	" Sonora	"	10....	20 75
"	18	"	" Stockton	"	11....	32 00
"	18	"	" Grass Valley	"	12....	22 50
"	6	"	" Harmony	"	13....	78 75
April	23	"	" Harmony	"	13....	1 00
Jan.	18	"	" Mountain	"	14....	8 75
"	8	"	" Yerba Buena	"	15....	126 50
"	18	"	" Oustomah	"	16....	20 25
"	7	"	" Templar	"	17....	103 00
"	11	"	" Napa	"	18....	14 25
"	16	"	" Yreka	"	19....	17 50
"	16	"	" Morning Star	"	20....	28 00
"	19	"	" Tuolumne	"	21....	14 50
"	12	"	" Solano	"	22....	8 50
"	20	"	" Sierra	"	24....	18 75
"	14	"	" Volcano	"	25....	17 75
"	18	"	" Mountain Rose	"	26....	4 50
"	16	"	" Coloma	"	27....	6 75
"	18	"	" Sonoma	"	28....	5 25
Jan.	6	"	" Magnolia	"	29....	54 25
April	23	"	" Magnolia	"	29....	1 00
Jan.	23	"	" Petaluma	"	30....	27 25
"	14	"	" Sutter Creek	"	31....	19 50
"	20	"	" Forest City	"	32....	12 00
"	22	"	" Hope	"	33....	8 00
"	19	"	" San Jose	"	34....	23 00
"	19	"	" Los Angeles	"	35....	20 00
"	14	"	" Jackson	"	36....	20 50
"	16	"	" Memento	"	37....	9 75
"	19	"	" Placer	"	38....	8 00
"	14	"	" Mariposa	"	39....	18 75
"	19	"	" Washington	"	40....	5 50
Mar.	6	"	" Klamath	"	41....	5 50
Jan.	16	"	" San Pablo	"	43...	14 50
"	14	"	" Mokelumne	"	44....	22 50
"	16	"	" Oriental	"	45....	44 00
"	16	"	" Brooklyn	"	46....	16 00
"	18	"	" Bidwell	"	47....	18 75
"	25	"	" Union	"	48....	11 50
Feb.	20	"	" Table Rock	"	49....	11 25
Jan.	14	"	" San Andreas	"	50....	13 00
"	14	"	" Ione	"	51....	7 50
"	19	"	" Santa Clara	"	52....	20 50
"	23	"	" Santa Rosa	"	53....	12 75
"	20	"	" Mistletoe	"	54....	6 50

Amount carried forward.....\$1,362 75

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		<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,362 75
Jan.	19	To Cash received from Minerva	Lodge, No. 55....	8 75
"	16	" " " Polar Star	" 56....	8 50
"	23	" " " Shasta	" 57....	15 00
"	19	" " " Mount Horeb	" 58....	10 00
"	18	" " " Oroville	" 59....	18 75
"	16	" " " North Star	" 61....	14 25
"	14	" " " Granite	" 62....	16 75
"	16	" " " Cosumnes	" 63....	7 75
"	23	" " " Healdsburg	" 64....	11 75
"	14	" " " Campo Seco	" 66....	7 00
"	18	" " " San Juan	" 67....	27 75
"	22	" " " Big Tree	" 68....	4 25
"	11	" " " Mount Shasta	" 70....	14 00
"	6	" " " Bay City	" 71....	47 25
"	19	" " " Covenant	" 73....	13 50
"	6	" " " Franklin	" 74....	11 00
"	23	" " " French Gulch	" 75....	5 75
"	11	" " " Red Bluff	" 76....	14 50
Feb.	1	" " " Humboldt	" 77....	16 25
Jan.	16	" " " Suisun	" 78....	15 50
"	14	" " " Telegraph	" 79....	7 25
Feb.	20	" " " Alturas	" 80....	13 25
Jan.	16	" " " Olive	" 81....	17 50
"	19	" " " Mountain Brow	" 82....	8 75
"	16	" " " Vacaville	" 83....	14 50
"	16	" " " Comet	" 84....	5 00
Feb.	1	" " " Anniversary	" 85....	14 50
Jan.	22	" " " Sharon	" 86....	5 75
"	14	" " " Capitol	" 87....	43 50
"	18	" " " Plumas	" 88....	9 75
"	16	" " " Morning Light	" 89....	5 75
"	25	" " " Pajaro	" 90....	11 75
Feb.	20	" " " Pilot Peak	" 91....	4 75
Jan.	18	" " " Cherokee	" 92....	3 75
"	8	" " " Crusade	" 93....	9 25
"	19	" " " Four Creeks	" 94....	11 25
"	25	" " " Branciforte	" 96....	26 50
"	19	" " " Yo Semite	" 97....	4 75
"	18	" " " Jefferson	" 98....	11 50
"	11	" " " Hornitas	" 99....	7 25
"	11	" " " Sutter	" 100....	11 00
Feb.	20	" " " Marion	" 101....	6 00
Jan.	18	" " " Scio	" 102....	11 50
"	13	" " " Coulterville	" 104....	7 75
"	14	" " " Schiller	" 105....	31 25
"	25	" " " Mineral	" 106....	13 25
"	16	" " " Valley	" 107....	10 25
"	19	" " " American	" 108....	3 50
"	19	" " " Bay View	" 109....	20 50
"	13	" " " Oso	" 110....	11 00
"	14	" " " Woodland	" 111....	13 25
"	7	" " " Abou Ben Adhem	" 112....	55 75
"	18	" " " Chico	" 113....	17 75
"	8	" " " Mission Peak	" 114....	8 00
"	11	" " " Fort Jones	" 115....	12 00
		<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,120 00

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,120 00
Jan.	7—	To Cash received from Germania	Lodge, No. 116	53 50
"	12	" " Pacheco	" 117	16 75
"	8	" " Oakland	" 118	30 00
"	11	" " Webster	" 119	15 50
"	19	" " Bald Mountain	" 120	4 25
"	6	" " Concordia	" 122	51 75
"	9	" " Apollo	" 123	49 50
"	6	" " Parker	" 124	48 75
"	27	" " Samaritan	" 126	5 25
Feb.	20	" " Summit	" 127	9 50
1868.				
July	20	" " Mount Diablo	" 128	26 50
1869.				
Jan.	12	" " Mount Diablo	" 128	14 75
1869.				
Jan.	8	" " Sycamore	" 129	16 25
"	16	" " Clear Lake	" 130	11 00
"	16	" " Colfax	" 132	5 25
1868.				
July	11	" " Colusa	" 133	14 40
1869.				
Jan.	18	" " Progressive	" 134	7 50
"	14	" " Silver Star	" 135	6 50
"	18	" " Indian Valley	" 136	9 50
"	25	" " Soquel	" 137	7 00
"	19	" " Bohem	" 138	6 50
"	16	" " Gold Run	" 139	7 25
"	23	" " Mountain Vale	" 140	3 50
"	23	" " Millville	" 141	9 25
"	19	" " Garden City	" 142	12 75
"	19	" " Ocean View	" 143	4 50
"	8	" " University	" 144	16 00
"	7	" " Herman	" 145	14 75
"	19	" " San Bernardino	" 146	11 75
"	25	" " San Lorenzo	" 147	20 75
"	19	" " Havilah	" 148	6 75
Feb.	1	" " Excelsior (S. I.),	" 1	11 50
"	6	" " Victoria (V. I.),	" 1	29 25
Total				\$2,677 90

CHARTER FEES.

1868.				
June	11	University Lodge, No. 144		\$30 00
July	9	Hermann	145	30 00
"	29	San Bernardino	146	30 00
Aug.	18	San Lorenzo	147	30 00
"	26	Havilah	148	30 00
Oct.	7	Wildey	149	30 00
Dec.	21	Friendship	150	30 00
1869.				
Jan.	12	San Joaquin	151	30 00
1868.				
Dec.	21	Salinas	152	30 00
1869.				
Feb.	20	San Diego	153	30 00

Amount carried forward.....\$300 00

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$300 00
Mar. 23	Gilroy	Lodge, No. 154	30 00
" 25	Pacific	" 155	30 00
Feb. 20	Santa Barbara	" 156	30 00
April 19	Industrial	" 157	30 00
" 20	Independence	" 158	30 00
" 27	San Benito	" 159	30 00
Total			\$480 00

DEGREE LODGES.

1868.			
June 26	Teutonia	Lodge, No. 4	\$15 00
1869.			
Jan. 25	Alameda	" 5	15 00
Total receipts for Charters			\$510 00

*T. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Secretary, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge,
I. O. O. F., State of California.*

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR ASSESSMENTS.

1868.			
July 7	To cash received from California	Lodge, No. 1	\$241 60
" 22	" " Sacramento	" 2	177 60
" 6	" " San Francisco	" 3	200 80
" 14	" " Eureka	" 4	107 20
" 10	" " Yuba	" 5	126 40
Nov. 30	" " Charity	" 6	124 00
July 23	" " Auburn	" 7	43 20
" 14	" " El Dorado	" 8	110 40
" 15	" " Diamond Springs	" 9	19 20
" 22	" " Sonora	" 10	69 60
Nov. 30	" " Stockton	" 11	90 40
July 16	" " Grass Valley	" 12	70 40
" 8	" " Harmony	" 13	254 40
" 14	" " Mountain	" 14	29 60
" 3	" " Yerba Buena	" 15	407 20
" 16	" " Oustomah	" 16	64 00
" 1	" " Templar	" 17	319 20
" 18	" " Napa	" 18	41 60
" 8	" " Yreka	" 19	56 00
" 15	" " Morning Star	" 20	87 20
" 22	" " Tuolumne	" 21	46 40
" 14	" " Solano	" 22	18 40
" 24	" " Sierra	" 24	60 80
" 15	" " Volcano	" 25	56 00
" 16	" " Mountain Rose	" 26	14 40
" 15	" " Coloma	" 27	23 20
" 16	" " Sonora	" 28	17 60
" 8	" " Magnolia	" 29	164 80
" 22	" " Petaluma	" 30	79 20
" 22	" " Sutter Creek	" 31	60 00
" 24	" " Forest City	" 32	34 40
" 20	" " Hope	" 33	21 60
" 16	" " San Jose	" 34	47 20
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$3,284 00

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$3,284 00
July	17	To Cash received from Los Angeles	Lodge, No. 35	33 80
"	26	" " Jackson	" 36	60 00
"	15	" " Memento	" 37	32 00
"	14	" " Placer	" 38	24 00
"	22	" " Mariposa	" 39	68 00
"	14	" " Washington	" 40	18 40
"	14	" " Klamath	" 41	20 80
"	22	" " San Pablo	" 43	40 00
"	14	" " Mokehumne	" 44	72 80
"	10	" " Oriental	" 45	143 20
"	20	" " Brooklyn	" 46	51 20
"	20	" " Bidwell	" 47	53 60
"	16	" " Union	" 48	34 40
Aug.	5	" " Table Rock	" 49	36 80
July	14	" " San Andreas	" 50	42 25
"	22	" " Ione	" 51	24 80
"	10	" " Santa Clara	" 52	58 40
"	31	" " Santa Rosa	" 53	38 40
"	24	" " Mistletoe	" 54	24 00
"	14	" " Minerva	" 55	25 60
"	15	" " Polar Star	" 56	27 20
"	13	" " Shasta	" 57	52 80
"	22	" " Mount Horeb	" 58	34 40
"	20	" " Oroville	" 59	62 40
"	7	" " North Star	" 61	45 60
"	14	" " Granite	" 62	52 80
"	15	" " Cosumnes	" 63	25 60
"	31	" " Healdsburg	" 64	27 35
	1869.			
April	30	" " Healdsburg	" 64 (bal.)	6 25
	1868.			
July	16	" " Lafayette	" 65	24 80
"	14	" " Campo Seco	" 66	23 20
"	16	" " San Juan	" 67	88 80
"	8	" " Big Tree	" 68	13 60
"	14	" " Mount Shasta	" 70	45 00
"	7	" " Bay City	" 71	152 00
"	14	" " Covenant	" 73	43 20
"	8	" " Franklin	" 74	34 40
"	17	" " French Gulch	" 75	18 50
"	13	" " Red Bluff	" 76	48 00
"	31	" " Humboldt	" 77	48 00
"	22	" " Suisun	" 78	52 00
"	22	" " Telegraph	" 79	23 20
Aug.	5	" " Alturas	" 80	44 80
July	8	" " Olive	" 81	52 80
"	22	" " Mountain Brow	" 82	28 00
Aug.	5	" " Mountain Brow	" 82	80
July	22	" " Vacaville	" 83	46 40
"	16	" " Comet	" 84	14 40
"	31	" " Anniversary	" 85	45 60
"	8	" " Sharon	" 86	17 60
"	3	" " Capitol	" 87	130 40
Aug.	3	" " Plumas	" 88	28 80
July	15	" " Morning Light	" 89	20 80

Amount carried forward.....\$5,565 95

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,565	95
July	18	To Cash received from Pajaro	90	37 60
Aug.	5	" Pilot Peak	91	16 80
July	20	" Cherokee	92	16 00
"	13	" Crusade	93	28 80
"	10	" Four Creeks	94	33 60
"	18	" Branciforte	96	86 40
"	22	" Yosemite	97	16 80
Nov.	30	" Jefferson	98	34 40
July	22	" Hornitos	99	25 60
"	22	" Sutter	100	80
"	13	" Marion	101	20 00
Nov.	30	" Scio	102	31 20
July	24	" Coulterville	104	26 40
"	20	" Schiller	105	104 80
"	8	" Mineral	106	45 60
"	23	" Valley	107	32 80
"	14	" American	108	13 60
"	10	" Bay View	109	66 40
"	20	" Oso	110	39 20
"	14	" Woodland	111	36 00
"	2	" Abou Ben Adhem	112	161 60
"	20	" Chico	113	55 25
"	13	" Mission Peak	114	24 00
"	17	" Fort Jones	115	36 80
"	2	" Germania	116	174 40
July	14	" Pacheco	117	46 40
"	13	" Oakland	118	73 60
June	26	" Webster	119	43 20
Aug.	3	" Webster	119	9 60
July	14	" Bald Mountain	120	14 40
"	16	" Willow	121	36 80
"	8	" Concordia	122	154 40
"	6	" Apollo	123	148 80
"	15	" Parker	124	136 80
"	13	" Meadow Lake	125	38 25
"	16	" Samaritan	126	15 20
Aug.	5	" Summit	127	28 80
July	14	" Mount Diablo	128	50 40
"	13	" Sycamore	129	48 00
Sept.	15	" Clear Lake	130	39 20
July	15	" Unity	131	31 20
"	20	" Colfax	132	13 60
"	11	" Colusa	133	45 60
Nov.	30	" Progressive	134	23 20
July	9	" Silver Star	135	15 20
Aug.	3	" Indian Valley	136	27 20
July	18	" Soquel	137	19 20
"	17	" Bohem	138	21 60
"	8	" Gold Run	139	22 40
"	15	" Mountain Vale	140	11 20
"	13	" Millville	141	23 20
"	8	" Garden City	142	23 20
Sept.	17	" Victoria (V. I.),	1	76 00
Aug.	6	" Excelsior (S. I.),	1	15 40
Total.....			\$7,982	80

PARKER MONUMENT FUND.

1868.			
June 16—California	Lodge, No. 1	50	
Nov. 18—California	Lodge, No. 1	25	
Dec. 28—California	Lodge, No. 1	26	\$101 00
Aug. 6—San Francisco	Lodge, No. 3	50	
Nov. 7—San Francisco	Lodge, No. 3	40	\$ 90 00
Nov. 4—Sonora	Lodge, No. 10		20 00
July 16—Grass Valley	Lodge, No. 12		10 50
1869.			
Jan. 7—Harmony	Lodge, No. 13		10 00
1868.			
July 8—Yerba Buena	Lodge, No. 15	100	
Dec. 3—Yerba Buena	Lodge, No. 15	50	\$150 00
July 16—Custumah	Lodge, No. 16		10 00
Nov. 19—Templar	Lodge, No. 17	50	
1869.			
Feb. 12—Templar	Lodge, No. 17	250	\$300 00
April 13—Tuolumne	Lodge, No. 21		14 75
1868.			
Sept. 19—Sierra	Lodge, No. 24		10 00
1869.			
Jan. 18—Sonoma	Lodge, No. 28		6 00
1868.			
Nov. 20—Magnolia	Lodge, No. 29	15	
July 8—Magnolia	Lodge, No. 29	30	\$45 00
Sept. 19—Forest City	Lodge, No. 32		10 00
Oct. 26—Bidwell	Lodge, No. 47		5 00
July 16—Union	Lodge, No. 48		15 00
1869.			
Jan. 6—Table Rock	Lodge, No. 49		25 00
1868.			
July 24—Webster	Lodge, No. 54		10 00
Sept. 15—Shasta	Lodge, No. 57		10 00
July 20—Oroville	Lodge, No. 59		5 00
July 16—San Juan	Lodge, No. 67		18 50
July 7—Bay City	Lodge, No. 71		32 35
July 22—Covenant	Lodge, No. 73		10 00
Aug. 22—Franklin	Lodge, No. 74		10 00
Sept. 15—French Gulch	Lodge, No. 75		5 50
July 13—Red Bluff	Lodge, No. 76		6 50
1869.			
Jan. 6—Alturas	Lodge, No. 80		2 50
1868.			
July 8—Olive	Lodge, No. 81		20 00
1869.			
Jan. 6—Pilot Peak	Lodge, No. 91		8 50
1868.			
July 16—Cherokee	Lodge, No. 92		5 00
1869.			
April 13—Yosemite	Lodge, No. 97		5 00
1868.			
May 19—Abou Ben Adhem	Lodge, No. 112		50 00
July 20—Chico	Lodge, No. 113		5 00
Nov. 27—Germania	Lodge, No. 116		25 00
July 13—Apollo	Lodge, No. 123	50	
Nov. 30—Apollo	Lodge, No. 123	25	75 00

Amount carried forward.....\$1,126 10

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,126 10
Dec. 26—Parker	Lodge, No. 124	10 00
July 16—Samaritan	Lodge, No. 126	5 00
Sept. 15—Milville	Lodge, No. 141	20 00
July 22—District No. 15	Jos. V. Wilson	13 75
Aug. 6—Excelsior	Lodge, No. 1, S. I.	25 00
1869.		
Jan. 6—Grand Lodge	California	500 00
		<u>\$1,699 85</u>

AMOUNT DUE REPRESENTATIVE FUND.

Klamath, No. 41	\$12 00
Cosumnes, No. 63	3 00
Marion, No. 101	12 00
Meadow Lake, No. 125	4 20
Unity, No. 131	15 50
Colusa, No. 133	60
Total	<u>\$47 30</u>

AMOUNT OVERPAID REPRESENTATIVE FUND.

Excelsior, No. 1, S. I.	\$44 00
Sonora, No. 10.	1 50
Healdsburg, No. 64	50
Chico, No. 113	1 00
Total	<u>\$47 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

T. RODGERS JOHNSON,

Grand Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4, 1869.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Herewith I present to you the annual report of the "Parker Monument Fund," with a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending this date:

Dr.	
To balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$ 452 41
" cash received from T. R. Johnson, as per schedule annexed . . .	1,699 85
Interest on Fund.....	27 84
	<u>\$2,180 10</u>
CR.	
By amount paid, as per vouchers	<u>\$2,160 35</u>
Leaving a balance in my hands of.....	\$ 19 75

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY B. BROOKS,

Treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 1869.

PARKER MONUMENT FUND.

SCHEDULE.

1868.		DR.		
May	8	To cash received from M. Heller, balance on hand	.....	\$452 41
Nov.	1	“ “ “ “ T. R. Johnson, draft on Grand Lodge	..	500 00
1869.				
Jan.	6	“ “ “ “ “	.....	350 00
Feb.	4	“ “ “ “ “	.....	100 00
Feb.	6	“ “ “ “ “	.....	480 00
Feb.	12	“ “ “ “ “	.....	250 00
April	12	“ interest on Fund	.....	27 84
May	1	“ cash received of T. R. Johnson	.....	19 75
				<u>\$2,180 10</u>

1868.		CR.		
Oct.	31	By cash paid James Henderson	.....	\$350 00
Nov.	28	“ “ “ “ “	.....	200 00
Nov.	28	“ “ “ H. T. Bestor	.....	30 00
Dec.	15	“ “ “ James Henderson	.....	150 00
Dec.	19	“ “ “ “	.....	120 00
1869.				
Jan.	8	“ “ “ “	.....	300 00
Jan.	21	“ “ “ H. T. Bestor	.....	30 00
Feb.	15	“ “ “ James Henderson	.....	600 00
April	12	“ “ “ David Hunter	.....	380 35
				<u>\$2,160 35</u>
Balance cash on hand				19 75
				<u>\$2,180 10</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY B. BROOKS,

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 1869.

Treasurer.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Herewith I present to you my annual report, with a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending this date.

GENERAL FUND.

DR.

To Balance on hand, as per last report	.....	\$ 206 37
“ Cash received of T. R. Johnson, Grand Secretary, as per schedule annexed	.....	9,075 95
		<u>\$9,282 32</u>

CR.

By amount paid, as per vouchers 672 to 698 inclusive	\$8,820 32
Leaving a balance in my hands of		<u>462 00</u>

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REPRESENTATIVE FUND.

DR.

To Balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$4,624 80
“ Cash received of T. R. Johnson, Grand Secretary, as per schedule annexed.....	2,677 90
	<u>\$7,302 70</u>

CR.

By cash paid, Order No. 671, favor of Committee on Mileage.....	\$2,935 50
Leaving a balance in my hands of.....	<u>\$4,367 20</u>

GENERAL FUND.

SCHEDULE.

DR.

1868.					
May 8	—To cash received from M. Heller, balance, as per last report.....	\$	206 37		
July 3	“ cash received from T. R. Johnson.....		1,175 00		
July 6	“ “ “ “.....		326 00		
July 8	“ “ “ “.....		350 00		
July 10	“ “ “ “.....		721 00		
July 18	“ “ “ “.....		1,715 20		
July 24	“ “ “ “.....		1,254 25		
Aug. 3	“ “ “ “.....		750 00		
Sept. 22	“ “ “ “.....		200 00		
Nov. 1	“ “ “ “.....		625 00		
Nov. 30	“ “ “ “.....		325 00		
1869.					
Feb. 4	“ “ “ “.....		100 00		
Feb. 25	“ “ “ “.....		100 00		
April 24	“ “ “ “.....		500 00		
April 29	“ “ “ “.....		500 00		
May 1	“ “ “ “.....		302 00		
May 1	“ “ “ “.....		132 50		
					<u>\$9,282 32</u>

1868.

CR.

May 15	—By Cash, J. A. McClelland, Order 672.....	\$	300 00
May 15	“ Chas. N. Fox, “ 673.....		50 00
May 23	“ Inc. Expenses, “ 674.....		100 00
June 18	“ “ “ “ 675.....		100 00
June 16	“ J. Winterburn & Co., “ 676.....		1,305 25
July 24	“ S. L. Brooks, “ 677.....		35 00
July 27	“ C. S. Haswell, “ 678.....		250 00
Aug. 3	“ T. Rodgers Johnson, “ 679.....		750 00
Aug. 14	“ Grand Lodge U. S., “ 680.....		525 00
Sept. 28	“ J. Winterburn & Co., “ 682.....		680 25
Sept. 29	“ Bartling & Kimball, “ 681.....		43 75
Nov. 1	“ T. Rodgers Johnson, “ 683.....		750 00
Nov. 1	“ Parker Monum't F'd, “ 684.....		500 00
Dec. 29	“ R. B. Norman, “ 685.....		100 00

Amount carried forward.....\$5,489 25

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,489 25
1869.			
Jan. 9	"	Russell & Winterburn, " 686	20 00
Jan. 15	"	Fround & Co., " 687	36 25
Jan. 19	"	D. Hicks & Co., " 688	39 35
Feb. 4	"	T. Rodgers Johnson, " 689	750 00
Mar. 29	"	C. S. Haswell, " 690	100 00
April 13	"	Samuel M. Brooks, " 691	35 00
April 16	"	N. Gray & Co., " 692	400 00
April 24	"	H. H. Bancroft & Co., " 693	197 72
April 24	"	Inc. Expenses, " 694	302 00
April 24	"	Unitarian Church, " 695	60 00
April 24	"	Winterburn & Co., " 696	672 75
May 1	"	T. Rodgers Johnson, " 697	750 00
May 1	"	J. G. Steele & Co., " 698	28 00
			\$8,820 32

Leaving a balance in my hands of.....\$ 462 00

In submitting my annual statement, I have to report that the interest arising from the funds of the Grand Lodge I have invested in the purchase of a set of regalia for the Grand Officers, at a cost of \$240. The old set was so much worn and defaced as to render it unfit for service at the late celebration of our Order. I therefore deemed it best, with the approval of some of the Grand Officers and others, to make this disposition of the interest money, which I trust will be sanctioned by this Grand Body.

Respectfully,
SAN FRANCISCO, May 1st, 1869.
HENRY B. BROOKS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. of O. F.
of the State of California:*

We the undersigned, Representatives from this R. W. Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last annual communication, respectfully report as follows:

The R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. of O. F. of the United States held its annual session for 1868 in September last, at the city of Baltimore, Maryland. We were in attendance the entire time while it was in session, which commenced on Monday, Sept. 21st, 1868, and continued in daily session until the Saturday following.

Each jurisdiction under the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was represented, and the attendance large, and during the entire session the spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed.

All of the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge were present, except Rev. J. D. Williamson, R. W. Grand Chaplain, he being unable to attend on account of ill health.

The Grand Sire read a very able and interesting report upon the state of the Order during the year preceding.

The following are the decisions made by the Grand Sire during the year that were acted upon by the Grand Lodge:

First. The seal of a Lodge or Encampment is in the official care of the Secretary or Scribe. They have no right to use the same, except as authorized by their Lodge or Encampment, or in the legitimate business of the Lodge or Encampment where it may be necessary to use the seal.

Second. A certificate to authorize a brother to receive his degrees away from the location of his Lodge, can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a Degree Lodge the application cannot be made.

Third. A brother in possession of a traveling or visiting card is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights as a member of his Lodge.

Fourth. Traveling or visiting cards are only intended to be used by a brother when traveling or visiting beyond his State jurisdiction. The A. T. P. W. cannot be used by a brother while visiting a Lodge within his own State, and a N. G. of a Lodge within the same jurisdiction would be justified in refusing to admit the brother unless he has the P. W. of the term.

Fifth. The R. H. S. of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G. chair has no right to authorize a brother to confer the term-word upon another brother of the same Lodge to enable him to visit other Lodges.

Sixth. There is no such rule in the Order "as to change the place of trial of the brother." He must be tried in the Lodge or Encampment where he is a member, and where the charges are preferred. No other Lodge or Encampment has jurisdiction in the matter.

Seventh. A. D. D. G. Sire has no right, by virtue of his office, to take the C. P's chair in an Encampment. He can only take such chair when surrendered to him for installation of the officers.

Eighth. A brother holding a traveling or visiting card is entitled in visiting to use the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his card was granted.

Ninth. An officer elected cannot be installed in office by proxy.

Tenth. A Special Deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encampment, fulfils his duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted, and he has made report of the same.

Eleventh. All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal, it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order.

The sixth decision was amended by adding thereto the following words, to-wit: "Except in Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges whose By-Laws make provision for change of venue." Whereupon all of said decisions were confirmed.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Under instruction from this Grand Lodge, a question in regard to the eligibility of a N. G., was duly submitted, and the following action was had thereon, viz:

Rep. ESCAVILLE, of Maryland, from the committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the query

from the jurisdiction of California, submitted by Rep. GUNNISON, on page 4317 Journal, in the words following, to-wit:

“Is a brother qualified and eligible for the Chair of N. G., who has lost his right hand, or whose right hand has been so injured that its natural use has been seriously impaired?”

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and are of the opinion that any brother of a Subordinate Lodge, having the requisite degrees, is eligible for office in his Lodge. They therefore answer the question in the affirmative, and submit the appended resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD.

And said report was adopted.

Also upon the subject of the translation of the work of the Order into the Italian language, the following action was had:

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the petition and accompanying resolution of the Grand Lodge of California on the subject of a translation of the work of the Order into the Italian language, and for authority to charter Subordinate Lodges to work in that language, beg leave to report that they are not satisfied of the necessity and propriety of the action proposed, or that its benefits would equal the difficulty and inconvenience that arise from a departure from the usual form of the work as received in our jurisdictions, the exceptions already concurred in having been forced upon us by circumstances which do not seem to attend this application. They, therefore, report the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is inexpedient at this time to have a translation of the work of the Order in the Italian language, and to authorize Subordinate Lodges to be established to work in that language.
Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

In regard to the Regalia of the Order, the following action was had:

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the amendment to Article XXII, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, proposed by P. G. Sire

NICHOLSON, (Page 4319), having considered the same, report, that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article XXII, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be so amended that it shall read as follows to wit:

ARTICLE XXII.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely, first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Plain white aprons for initiatory degree.

The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar: Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar—each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the royal purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves: Patriarchs who have attained the royal purple degree, purple collars only, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

NON-AFFILIATED ODD FELLOWS.

P. G. Sire Veitch offered resolutions in regard to amending the law as to the mode of admitting non-affiliated Odd Fellows. These resolutions are so lengthy that we do not deem it advisable to report the same, in full, in this

report. The purport of said resolutions would virtually hereafter prevent the admission of non-affiliated Odd Fellows, which has heretofore benfitted the Order upon the Pacific coast. The resolutions were referred to the Legislative Committee, who reported favorably thereon, and after a long controversy were adopted, and afterwards the vote to adopt was reconsidered, and the whole matter referred to the next session.

We recommend that this Grand Lodge take some action in the matter.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER.

Upon this subject the following report of the special committee was adopted:

P. G. Sire Kennedy, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of celebrating appropriately the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Order, respectfully beg leave to report that, after due consideration, they recommend for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and their Subordinates, be and they are hereby recommended to celebrate in an appropriate manner on the 26th of April next the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Odd-Fellowship in America.

Resolved, That the several Grand Bodies and their Subordinates are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry the above recommendation into practical effect.

Resolved, That a Grand National Celebration of the occasion under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall take place in the City of Philadelphia, in connection with the local observance of the day at that place.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed who shall be charged with the selection of an orator for the occasion, and the arrangement of the details of the ceremonies connected with the Grand National Celebration.

Resolved, That the elective officers of the Grand Lodge and the special committee be empowered to represent the Grand Lodges at the Grand National Celebration. That the members of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Representatives who may find it convenient to attend be requested to participate.

Fraternally yours, etc.,

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
WILLIAM E. FORD,
C. A. LOGAN,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED.

The following was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Rep. Bancroft, of Massachusetts, found on page 4314 of the Journal, and which reads as follows:

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge on that body the importance of again procuring from Lodges statistical information similar to that reported in 1853; but, in addition, to ascertain the expenses of the Subordinate Lodges for other purposes than benefits, and to report a basis on which Lodges can work and carry out in practice the original intentions of our founders on the subject of benefits."

Having given the subject due consideration, and fully agree that it is one of great importance to the present growth and future welfare of our institution, and should receive from this Grand Body a thorough and careful investigation. The question contemplated by the resolution can be answered only by the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and not fully answered—so as to be of value—unless great pains and caution is observed.

Your committee deem it highly essential that some general plan or system should be devised by which the Lodges paying their members sick benefits can adjust their dues so as to meet the demands made upon their treasury without impoverishing them.

It has long been the custom of this Grand Body to leave the subject of dues and benefits to local legislation, believing the members of Subordinate Lodges were best qualified to judge of their ability to pay a large or small benefit in case of sickness. We would not interfere with or trespass upon this custom, but would earnestly labor to obtain the desired information, and thus assist our brethren in fixing their financial affairs upon such a basis as would insure them freedom from bankruptcy, a healthful Lodge, and a fulfilment of their obligations. To this end, and with this object in view, we deem it proper to submit several questions to be propounded in the Subordinate Lodges, together with such others as the judgment of this Grand Body may direct.

WILLIAM E. FORD,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
FRED. D. STUART,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVILLE.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby directed to have the following questions printed, together with such others as he may deem necessary to obtain a full and complete answer to the inquiries contained in the resolution submitted by Representative Bancroft, of Massachusetts, the same to be forwarded, at his earliest convenience, to the R. W. Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions under this Grand Lodge, with a request that they will send them to every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in their jurisdiction, to be filled up with suitable answers to the questions therein contained, and when such answers have been completed the documents shall be returned to the Grand Secretary of the State, to be by him forwarded to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall file the same in his office for future reference:

QUESTIONS.

1. When was your Lodge instituted?

Answer.

2. How many members belonged to your Lodge on the first night of the present term?

Answer.

3. What is the amount charged for initiation and degrees?

Answer.

4. What was the value of the Lodge property, in stocks, funds, or otherwise, on the first night of the present term?

Answer.

5. What are the annual dues of each member?

Answer.

6. What amount has been charged to each member as assessments, or otherwise than those charged as *dues*?

Answer.

7. Does your Lodge pay sick benefits?

Answer.

8. How much does it pay per week to each member?

Answer.

9. How many weeks does it pay sick benefits in each year?

Answer.

10. What amount does it pay for funeral benefits?

Answer.

11. What amount has been donated during the past year, ending the first night of the present term?

Answer.

12. What were the expenses of your Lodge during the past year, exclusive of sick and funeral benefits?

Answer.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The following was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred the petition of sundry recipients of the Degree of Rebekah respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and, although they find objections to any action in the direction indicated by the petitioners, yet they believe that the benefits likely to accrue to the Order will far outweigh any evils which may result therefrom; they, therefore recommend for adoption the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits, to possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following:

1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on such scarlet degree members and their wives as present a certificate from a Lodge located in the district designated in the charter of such Degree Lodge, and also to confer the said Degree on widows of Odd-Fellows presenting certificates from Lodges to which their husbands were members at the time of their decease.

2. To elect and appoint their own officers in the manner prescribed by their by-laws. The elective officers to consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer, and, if so provided in their by-laws, a Financial Secretary. The appointed officers to consist of Warden, Conductor, Outside

Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand, Right and Left Supporters of Vice Grand.. Any member of the Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Noble Grand, which office shall be filled by a Past Grand in good standing in his Lodge, and except Warden, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, who shall be scarlet degree members. All officers to hold their offices for six months or one year, as prescribed by the Subordinate Grand Lodge.

3. To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the By-Laws.
4. To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Laws when those in arrears for dues shall be dropped from the roll of members. Any brother or sister within the district designated in the charter may become a member on paying the dues provided by the By-Laws; and any brother may continue such member so long as he remains a member of his Subordinate Lodge in good standing, and pays his dues to the Degree Lodge, and any sister may remain a member so long as her husband is entitled to remain a member, or so long as she remains his widow and pays her dues to the Lodge. All Degree Lodges shall consist of at least ten members, five of each sex, and all in good standing shall participate in the proceedings of the Lodge.
5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute, or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, or shall be otherwise provided by the By-Laws.
6. To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order not inconsistent herewith or with the rules, usages, and general regulations of the Order, as they may deem proper, subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge to which they are subordinates.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in any territory under the immediate jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that such Lodges possess the power and enjoy the privileges of other Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Resolved, That the widow of an Odd-Fellow who had not attained the scarlet degree, but who was in good standing at the time of his death, may receive the Degree of Rebekah at the option of the Lodge of which her husband was a member at the time of his death.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to prepare and cause to be printed certificates of membership for the Daughters of Rebekah, to be furnished to Lodges at not less than double the cost, and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for that purpose from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,
DANIEL FIFTHIAN,
F. P. BAKER,
WM. R. McLEAN,
C. W. DANNALS.

PUBLIC PRESS.

The following in regard to this subject was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed to consider that portion of the M. W.

Grand Sire's report in regard to the Public Press, beg leave respectfully to report, that they heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Sire in reference to the employment of the public press as an agency for advancing the interests of the Order. We believe that notices of time and place of meeting published in the local papers would encourage punctual attendance in the Lodges; would be a standing invitation to visitors, and keep Odd-Fellowship before the public mind. We also believe that a liberal support should be afforded *our own Press* by the brethren of the order, and in this opinion we are further sustained by the views so well expressed in the report of our R. W. Grand Secretary. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

J. W. VENABLE,
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

PROPOSITION TO CHANGE NAME OF GRAND LODGE.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the amendment be postponed, and that it be referred to a special committee, who shall take into consideration the propriety and necessity of a change in the name of the Grand Body, and, if deemed advisable, to submit an amendment to the Constitution so framed as to provide for such change, and determine the time at which the same shall go into effect.

The committee appointed in accordance with the above resolution, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which will come up for action at the next session.

Amend Article I, section 1 of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872,) by striking out in the second line the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872) by striking out at the end of the article the words "the Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting the words, "the Supreme Grand Lodge."

The following are the most important of the resolutions passed or adopted:

Resolved, That the question of eligibility to membership into the Order by initiation of persons who have lost a limb be and the same is hereby remitted to the jurisdiction and disposal of the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for an Odd-Fellows' flag the pattern or design presented by the special committee appointed for that purpose, to wit:

The flag to be manufactured of white material—either bunting, satin, or cotton cloth—as may be selected by those desiring one. The proportions to be 11-19th of the length for the width. The emblems to consist of the three links, to be placed in the center of the flag, with the letters I. O. O. F., and the name of the State, District or Territory using it. To be painted or wrought in scarlet color, and trimmed with material of the same color. Wherever the flag is to be used by the Encampments there shall be added two crooks.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to procure a flag of suitable size and proportions as above described for this Grand Lodge, to be used for the first time at the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, on the 26th of April, and in addition to the emblems, add the letters G. L. U. S.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE WORK OF OUR ORDER INTO AUSTRALIA.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the instructions issued by the M. W. Grand Sire to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria, be and the same are hereby approved.

2. *Resolved*, That the charter issued by the Grand Sire to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, as an independent jurisdiction in our Order, is hereby confirmed, and the Grand Lodge of the United States hails with satisfaction the affiliation of the Order in Australia with us in the great cause of Odd-Fellowship.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Grand Sire did not feel authorized by the resolutions of 1859 to commission the Special Deputy to organize the Encampment branch of the Order in Australia, the Grand Sire is hereby empowered to introduce the Patriarchal work therein whenever in his judgment it shall become desirable and the way is open therefor.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are eminently due to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM for his indefatigable and successful efforts in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria and communicating to it our ritual and investing it with our work.

5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the services of Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON, of California, in assisting in the consummation of this extension of our work and ritual to so distant a region, and we cordially extend to him our thanks for his efforts in this behalf.

6. *Resolved*, That a copy of the second resolution be properly engrossed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and a copy of the fourth resolution be transmitted to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, and a copy of the fifth resolution be transmitted to Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON. Resolutions adopted.

AID IN STARTING NEW LODGES.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; moved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, circumstances may arise in the progress and spread of Odd-Fellowship throughout this jurisdiction which might warrant the extension of pecuniary aid and encouragement to those engaged in starting and building up new Lodges and Encampments by the friendly aid and assistance of the older Lodges and Encampments to the petitioning brothers which would be of incalculable good to the Order; therefore,

Resolved, That donations made to assist petitioning Brothers or Patriarchs by the parent or other Lodges and Encampments for the purpose of instituting new Lodges or Encampments is allowable, and is in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, That in the consideration of such action by the parent Lodges and Encampments, it is recommended that the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction be consulted with as to its propriety.

TITLE OR RANK.

Resolved, That hereafter, in the designation of the name and rank of brethren

ren of the Order, the title or rank of the brother shall be placed after instead of before the name, as has hitherto been practised.

JEWELS.

Resolved, That all officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall wear the jewels of their office during the transaction of business.

GRAND LODGE AND PAST OFFICIAL DEGREES.

Resolved, That any State Grand Lodge be, and hereby is, authorized to confer the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon Past Grands of another State jurisdiction upon the presentation of a visiting card from their own Lodge, and also a certificate executed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction such Past Grands belong, that they are eligible and entitled to the same.

TAKING A WITHDRAWAL CARD FROM LODGE NOT TO AFFECT STANDING IN ENCAMPMENT.

Resolved, That when a member of an Encampment in good standing takes a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Encampment shall not be affected thereby for a year from the date of his said withdrawal card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Encampment if he deposits his withdrawal card in a Subordinate Lodge and becomes a member thereof at any time within a year from the date of his said withdrawal card, provided he shall keep his dues paid up in the Encampment during that time."

FORMS—REVISED DIGEST.

Resolved, That the forms as prepared by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as authorized by the resolution of last session, together with the form for laying corner-stones of Odd-Fellows' Halls, prepared and now submitted by the committee, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have the same stereotyped and printed in the Revised edition of the Digest.

Resolved, That the price of the new revised and enlarged edition of the Digest, with the forms authorized to be added thereto, be fixed at two dollars per copy.

PASSWORD.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when a brother who holds a current visiting card wishes to visit a Lodge or Encampment in the jurisdiction to which he belongs, but is without the term password, or check-word, the presentation of his visiting card shall make it the duty of the presiding officer of the Lodge or Encampment to communicate to him the pass or check of the jurisdiction, after ascertaining that the person presenting is the legal holder of the card.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee having been instructed to report suitable legis-

lation to enable a brother to visit Lodges and Encampments within the limits of the jurisdiction in which he may hold membership upon a traveling card and the A. T. P. W., recommends the adoption of the following, being Article XXV of our By-Laws, amended so as to provide for the object contemplated:

"The A. T. P. W. is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong; but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have received it in good faith for said primary purpose; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions be properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular deputies should also be in possession of it."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

VISITATION TO SOUTHERN JURISDICTIONS.

Rep. Ross of New Jersey, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, to be found on page 4326 of the Journal, respectfully report: That they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion, from the evidence presented by the annual returns from the jurisdictions named, that there is an imperative necessity for greater effort to preserve and prosper our beloved Order in the southern portion of our country. Disclaiming any disposition to interfere with the praiseworthy efforts that have been made, and are now being made by the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the ten States named, we are of opinion that this Grand Lodge may take such action, with the co-operation of the proper officers of those bodies, as will tend to revive an interest in and materially increase the membership of the Order in the sunny South, and that no better investment of the funds in our Treasury can be made than to appropriate the amount that may be required to restore the languishing Lodges and Encampments located in this severely afflicted portion of our country to their former prosperous condition. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire be authorized and requested to visit, as soon as possible, the jurisdictions of Louisiana, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Florida, and, in conjunction with the executive officers of those jurisdictions, use such efforts as may be required to accomplish the desired purpose.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire is hereby invested with discretionary power to call to his assistance such members of the Order as he may deem necessary to aid him in making the above resolution effective; and the expense incurred be paid by the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge

on the presentation of the order or certificate of the M. W. Grand Sire, attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
AMOS JOHNSON,
E. M. SLOAN,
WILLIAM OAKES.

POWER OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCIES.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following inquiry, propounded by Rep. WHITE, of New York, to wit:

“Has the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the contingency of sickness or other causes which may arise to prevent a satisfactory or efficient discharge of official duty, the right to resign from the office when the Grand Lodge is not in session?”

If either office becomes vacant by the decease of the incumbent or inability to discharge the duties thereof, or from forfeiture of membership in the Lodge or Encampment, or because of conviction upon charges preferred, has the Grand Sire the right and power to make an appointment to fill such vacancy?”

Respectfully report that they have given to the subject their deliberate consideration, and find no provision or power, either in the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, conferred upon the M. W. Grand Sire for filling vacancies that might occur in offices of either the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend Article XV of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be styled Section 9, to wit:

The Grand Sire shall also have power to fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Grand Lodge, from resignation, sickness, or disability, or other causes, which are not provided for by the Constitution, such appointment to last until filled by election or otherwise, as provided for by law for the election or appointment of such officers.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART,
H. L. PAGE,
J. B. ESCAVAILLE.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE U. S.

This being the year for election of officers, the following named brothers were elected:

E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, M. W. Grand Sire.
 Fred. D. STUART, of D. C., R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 Joshua VANZANT, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 The following brothers were appointed to the several stations named:
 R. W. G. Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky.
 R. W. G. Marshall, J. W. ORR, of New Jersey.
 R. W. G. Guardian, J. W. SMITH, of Connecticut.
 R. W. G. Messenger, John E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland.

The Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for 1869, to be held in the city of San Francisco, State of California.

Upon consultation with the several Representatives present, we ascertained that the Grand Lodge would hold its next Annual Communication in the city of San Francisco, California, *provided*, transportation from the city of Omaha to San Francisco, could be had free of charge to the U. S. Grand Lodge.

We did not feel authorized to assume that such would be the case, without consulting the Order upon this coast, and therefore we sent a telegram upon the subject to Bro. P. G. M., C. N. Fox, knowing that he was largely interested in, and connected with, railroad matters in California. The time in which to act did not allow for further communications. In reply to our telegram we received the following:

"SAN FRANCISCO, (Cal.) September 23, 1868.

A. J. Gunnison:

It looks favorable. Resolve to meet here or at Baltimore, as Grand Sire shall order. Free pass on railroad for Representatives guaranteed.

CHARLES N. FOX."

"SAN FRANCISCO, (Cal.) September 24, 1868.

A. J. Gunnison:

Templar Lodge has unanimously agreed to secure expenses of Representatives amounting to ten thousand dollars. Invite Grand Lodge.

T. RODGERS JOHNSON, Grand Secretary."

With these assurances we accordingly invited the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its next Annual Communication in the city of San Francisco, California.

We proposed the following resolution, which was signed by all of the Representatives of the States of Oregon, Nevada and California, which was presented to the Grand Lodge, viz:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that the officers and members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the tenth day of September, 1869, to be conveyed thence by the Great Pacific Railroad across the continent to the said city of San Francisco. And that the mileage to be paid to the Representatives by this R. W. Grand Lodge on that occasion shall be computed from their respective homes to and from the said city of Omaha, excepting the Representatives from jurisdictions on the Pacific slope, whose mileage shall be computed to and from San Francisco. *Provided*, that if the said Pacific Railroad shall not be completed and running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento city by the first day of August, 1869, so that the Representatives can be conveyed through without change of cars or detention, then and in that case the

M. W. Grand Sire shall, on that date, issue his proclamation calling the Grand Lodge to assemble in Annual Communication in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

There was much discussion upon the resolution of a most flattering and complimentary character, showing the high appreciation in which the Order upon this coast is held in the United States, and amid enthusiastic cheering the resolution was unanimously adopted. Much praise is due to the Brothers, Representatives from our neighboring States of Oregon and Nevada, for the hearty manner in which they seconded this matter, and also to Bros. Garwood and Woolf, Representatives from the Grand Encampment of this State, who acted jointly with us throughout.

We feel to congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the result of this invitation, believing as we do that it will redound to the lasting benefit and good of our Order, stimulating all good and true Odd Fellows to renewed exertions in the great work in which we are engaged.

We respectfully ask that our action in the above matter be approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge proceed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the above resolution in a style befitting the reputation of the Jurisdiction upon the Pacific Coast.

In conclusion, we have the satisfaction of saying to you that, from the reports of the Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, it appears that our beloved Order is in a more satisfactory condition throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States than ever before known.

On Saturday, September 26, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., a prayer to our Heavenly Father was offered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, Rev. Charles Perkins.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

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

G. W. DANNALS,

A. J. GUNNISON,

Grand Representatives.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved that the Grand Representatives' Report (being in printed form) be referred, without reading, to the same committee as that of the Grand Master's, and the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Reports to the Committee on Finance. Question divided.

A vote being taken on the first proposition, viz: the reference of the Grand Representatives' Report, was carried.

The second proposition was amended by referring to a Special Committee of three.

The Grand Master appointed, as said committee, the following:

Rep. FELCH, of No. 4,
Rep. SINIX, of No. 52,
Rep. CRANE, of No. 45.

The following resolution was submitted by Rep. Hill, of No. 87, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That in consideration of the great amount of labor involved in the preparation of the Digest of the past four years' proceedings and decisions, as ordered by the last Grand Lodge, and the satisfactory manner in which the work has been performed by brother R. B. Norman, the further sum of \$400 be allowed him for the work, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, presented a petition from Meadow Lake Lodge, No. 125, requesting the privilege of retaining the regalia now used by them, the same being the property of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Received and referred to Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Holbrook, of No, 90, the Grand Lodge resolved to meet on to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock, in secret session, for the purpose of the exemplification of the secret work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4th, 1869.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

of the State of California:

Your Committee on Correspondence, in accordance with established custom, have addressed themselves somewhat to the task of examining the reports which have been received from the several sister Grand Lodges, with a view of furnishing to you, as near as may be, a brief synopsis thereof.

And, first of all, those to which we would naturally look for a comprehensive view, showing the history, progress and condition of our Order, is that of

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

From this we find increased evidence of growth, of unity of purpose and action, of harmony throughout all our borders, of increase in wealth and power for good, of substantial benefits resulting more and more from our organization, and of a steady determination to work out, through the medium of our concerted union, the great problem of "Peace on earth, and good will to man"—evidences that should and do make the heart of every Odd Fellow rejoice. But the proceedings of that Senate of Odd Fellowship, unlike those of State Grand Bodies, have been distributed through all our Lodges; and for this reason, as well as because it is the especial province of your representatives to present them before you, this Committee do not feel that it is their duty to present any extracts from the journal of those proceedings. We cannot pass the subject, however, without congratulating you, and all the brethren of this Coast, upon the great honor which has been conferred upon them by the Resolution providing that the next session of that Grand Lodge shall be held at San Francisco. How all our hearts leaped with joy—and well they might leap—when these glad tidings flew on the wings of the lightning from

ocean to ocean. The great sun of Fraternity, risen in the East, has cast its rays of friendship across a continent, warming into the true life of love thousands of hearts that might otherwise have gone down to the grave encased in frozen garbs, and now, after following the pathway of Truth for fifty years, it will set in the West. But, let us rejoice at that setting, for we know that it will be a blessing to us here, and that on the morrow it will rise again with a glory more effulgent, a power more beneficent than it ever possessed before.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Lodge of this, the Southern heart of Odd Fellowship, met at Mobile, on the first of February last. This Jurisdiction is still suffering severely from the effects of the ravages of the late war, but several Lodges had been resuscitated during the year, and the Grand Master gives their poverty as the reason why this was not the case with many more. He says: "They had not the means to procure the necessary furniture, to pay household, and the current expenses; but now that a more prosperous era is dawning upon our unhappy southland, in a material point of view, and by the blessings of a merciful Providence, starvation and want no longer threaten our people, one may reasonably hope for a revival of all our Lodges, and the establishment of others within our jurisdiction." Twenty-six active Lodges are reported.

ARKANSAS.

The eighteenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Little Rock, in November last. Twenty-five Lodges were reported. The Grand Master says: "The term closes with evidences of a steady and substantial progress, and this in the face of difficulties and depressions that were, apparently, insurmountable. Poverty, with its attendant train of evils, is dissolving before the inherent energy of our people, as the mist before the rising king of day; the bitter conflict of opinions raging without have rarely penetrated our sacred retreats. The common level of our Fraternity has been preserved; harmony prevails, and our march is onward in the cause of Benevolence and Truth." This Grand Lodge is taking active measures to provide for the endowment of a college for the education of its orphans.

THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO

met at Central City, October 28th, 1868. The Territory of Wyoming has been added to their jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary reports seven Lodges with a membership of three hundred and twenty-five, and speaks hopefully of the future.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Lodge met at New Haven in May last. The Grand Master's report shows a year of unusual prosperity. Among other things he relates, with just pride, the election of fifty-six, and initiation of forty-nine candidates at a single session of one of their new Lodges. Twenty-one Lodges are reported, with a membership of two thousand and thirteen.

THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

still clings to life, and Phoenix-like is rising again from the ashes of desolation, which connect the land. It met at Tallahassee on the 6th of January last, when eight Lodges, in standing were represented, and strong hopes were entertained of the early resuscitation of many more.

GEORGIA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Macon, in August last. The Grand Secretary reports fourteen Lodges and one thousand and fifty-nine members. The Grand Master says :

"The Order in this jurisdiction was never in a more healthy, prosperous condition, than at the present time. The addition to the various subordinate Lodges clearly demonstrate this fact. The suspensions for non-payment of dues have been greater than I would like to see. This however, is owing to the financial pressure that pervades our entire community. The majority of these suspensions, you will find are with those Lodges that suffered so heavily from the invading armies during the late war."

INDIANA.

The last session of this truly Grand Lodge, was held at Indianapolis, in May, 1868. Its journal shows a wonderful degree of prosperity. During the year, two defunct Lodges had been resuscitated, fourteen new ones instituted, and several other petitions for charters then pending. Two hundred and seventy-three Lodges were in active operation with a membership of fourteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven. Twenty thousand and sixty dollars had been expended during the year in relief and charities. We notice that this Grand Lodge has issued to its subordinates, a code of laws and rules for conducting trials, with blanks for charges, summonses, reports, etc., an example that may be found worthy of imitation here.

IOWA.

This Grand Lodge held an interesting and harmonious session at Des Moines, in October last. Eleven new Lodges had been reorganized during the year, and four resuscitated. The Grand Master says :

"The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to our Order. * * * We now, number one hundred and twenty-two working Lodges, with a membership of about sixty-six hundred and fifty, making a gain during the year of about nine hundred and fifty."

KANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of this young border State, met at Atchison, in October, 1868. There, as everywhere else, the Order seems to be in a flourishing condition. We copy from the Grand Master's report :

"I am sure it will be most agreeable to you to learn that during the whole term that has elapsed since the annual meeting of 1867, there has been a large increase in the membership of the subordinate branch, nearly throughout every part of the jurisdiction, and a manifestation of zeal on their part, in behalf of the benevolent principles that lie at the foundation of the institution, whilst the harmony that has characterized every subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction gives indubitable assurance of future prosperity and increased usefulness. Nor is that success marked only by increased members, commendable zeal, and harmonious co-operation, but that true benevolence which is enjoined by the beautiful charges embraced in the written work of this branch of the Order has been practically exemplified in works of love and charity."

Thirty-two Lodges with fifteen hundred and eighty-two members were reported.

KENTUCKY.

The journal of this Grand Lodge, shows a very large amount of business performed. The last session, which was held in October last, was characterized throughout with wisdom, harmony and sound judgment. We would be pleased to quote in extenso from the able report of the Grand Master, but our own space and time forbids, and any brief extract would fail to do the subject justice. Eight new Lodges were organized, and one resuscitated. One hundred and twenty-three Lodges were reported, with a membership of six thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and the relief reports for the year, footed

up at the handsome sum of nineteen thousand six hundred and one dollars and forty cents. This jurisdiction, which so often takes the lead in good works has incorporated an "Odd Fellows Widows' Home and Orphans' University," which by act of the Legislature is put under the exclusive control of the Grand Lodge, and they are now raising a fund of two hundred thousand dollars with which to endow it. May it receive, as it deserves the widow's blessing, and the sustaining help of the "father of the fatherless."

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Lodge held semi-annual sessions in January and July, 1868. At the first of these, the Grand Master commences his report as follows :

"After a period replete with sad occurrences and distressing circumstances in the history of our Order in this State, we are again permitted by the mercy of an All-wise Providence to assemble in our legislative capacity to review the work of the past, and deliberate for our welfare in the future. Our Lodges commenced the late term with the most flattering indications of prosperity and material increase, but were soon overtaken in their career by the effects of the late epidemic, which called forth untiring energy and depleted their treasuries in the relief of the sick and burial of the dead. The struggles incident to that period are too familiar to you all for recapitulation, but has proven most undeniably the advantage, not only to ourselves, but to society at large, of associations of this kind. Yet these circumstances seem only to have retarded for a time the onward progress of the Order, and now we have around us the encouraging evidence of active exertion, which gives hopes that the most trying period is about past, and we will soon enter upon a larger sphere of power, usefulness and uninterrupted prosperity."

At the second session he announces the dark clouds "which have been overhanging us" as gradually disappearing, and speaks hopefully of the future. Thirty-one working Lodges, with one thousand six hundred and seventy-one members are reported.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Lodge of this cradle of Odd Fellowship met in April, 1868, when the Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the fact "that the principles on which the noble structure of Odd Fellowship had been reared are firmly and immutably planted in the human heart. The brotherhood appreciate them more to-day than at any other period since the institution was formed. Our works of benevolence and fraternity arrest the attention and command the admiration of a jealous and scrutinizing world, because we have ministered unto the poor, and lonely, and destitute, and caused the sorrowing heart once more to rejoice in the comfort of sunshine and peace." Eighty-seven Lodges are reported, with a membership of thirteen thousand and ninety-seven, and the relief granted for the year amounted to *sixty-eight thousand and thirty-seven dollars*. Well done thou noble mother of Odd Fellows.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI,

met at St. Louis, on the 19th of May, 1868. The reports speak in glowing terms of the condition of the Order in that jurisdiction. The Grand Master says: "At no time in our past history, have we witnessed a more rapid and substantial growth, nor greater devotion on the part of our membership to the pure principles and ennobling purposes of Odd Fellowship." The Grand Secretary reports twenty-one new Lodges organized, and three old ones revived. Reports were received from one hundred and nineteen Lodges, showing a membership of six thousand two hundred and fifty-six. Total relief paid, eighteen thousand two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents. Their Committee of Correspondence notice this jurisdiction in very flattering terms,

and speak in terms of special commendation of the Odd Fellows' Library, of San Francisco.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge of this old jurisdiction, met in August, 1868, and again in February, 1869. At the first of these meetings, the Grand Master well says: "The Order has gained in numbers and in financial strength, and now stands very high among the social institutions of the land. It remains for us, as individual members of it to decide what it shall be in time to come. If we are true to its teachings, to our obligations, and to ourselves, its advance in the future will be even more rapid than it has been in the past. As the divine principles upon which it is founded, become more generally known, it will rise higher and higher in the confidence and esteem of those in whose midst it may be established; while the suspicion and prejudice with which it is still viewed by some, will continue to wane, and will finally disappear. We must not allow outside pomp and show to divert our attention from, or diminish our pecuniary ability to carry out the legitimate work for which we are banded together. They can never supply the place of the solid work of the true Odd Fellow."

At the last session, the number of Lodges was reported at sixty-six, and the membership at eight thousand four hundred and eight. Relief for the semi-annual term \$9,780 90. A remark of the Grand Masters' on this occasion is worthy to be quoted and acted upon in all jurisdictions. He says:

"It is clearly our duty to extend a helping hand to those Lodges that are for the time, "under the weather." A cheering word, a bit of advice, or a friendly visit, will often invigorate a disheartened band of true men, and prevent many a charter from finding its way to the dusty shelves of our Grand Lodge Office. What if it does cost a little effort, or self-denial on our part? 'T' will be a labor doubly rewarded, blessing the benefactor as well as the recipient."

THE GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA

met at Minneapolis, August 19th, 1868. The Order in this comparatively new jurisdiction seems to be in a prosperous condition, just budding into active life, with a wide field of usefulness, and a determination to fill it. Fifteen Lodges are reported, with a membership of six hundred and thirty-eight.

NEBRASKA.

The progress in this jurisdiction has hitherto been slow, but sure. The reports at the Annual Communication held in October last show an increase unequalled in their previous history, and giving promise of still greater prosperity in the future. Although this is one among the smallest of our sister Grand Lodges, it has already taken active measures toward the establishment of an asylum for widows and orphans, and their zeal in this direction is worthy of all commendation.

GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA.

This beloved offspring of California held its second Annual Communication at Carson, in June last. The journal of its proceedings shows a degree of activity in the work of laying the foundation for future usefulness, almost unparalleled in the history of so young a jurisdiction. Thirteen Lodges were then reported, with a membership of eight hundred and fifty-nine, and we know that these numbers have been largely increased since then. We all take a lively interest in whatever is done in or emanates from this jurisdiction, and would be glad to make extended extracts from the able report of Grand Master Drake, but we have room for only two. Speaking of Libraries, he says:

"The handmaids of Odd Fellowship have been established at Virginia

and Carson cities. Another is being instituted in Gold Hill, I believe. The library belonging to the Virginia Lodges, containing about two thousand two hundred volumes, is one of the recognized institutions of the city, and is not only an honor to the noble brethren there, but reflects credit upon the Order throughout the State. That at Carson, but recently commenced, contains over three hundred standard works, and is sure to prove successful."

His remarks on the subject of drunkenness and gambling, deserve also to be repeated. On this subject he says,

"These vices are the great causes of dissention, depletion of Lodge funds, and apathy on the part of many good brothers, who would otherwise prove active and efficient members of the Order. It is not right that an Order should suffer continual and irreparable injury by allowing its members to indulge in habits for which there is no excuse, and which bring nothing but disease upon them, and discredit upon the Fraternity."

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Lodge met in November last, and was largely attended. Its journal is full and replete with interest. There also the Order is increasing in numbers and strength. Eight Lodges had been organized, and the total number of Lodges was eighty with a membership of eight thousand, one hundred and nine. The expenditures for relief for the year were \$24,303.21.

NEW YORK.

Few more interesting journals ever come to hand than that of the last session of this Grand Lodge, which was held at Buffalo in August last. The Grand Master says: "I can say, with full assurance, that there has been a steady, indeed a marked increase and growth, both in membership and resources, throughout the whole jurisdiction. There are also evidences of increased interest and zeal manifested, which cannot fail to be of benefit to the Order, and bring within our fold good and true men, who will not only add to our strength, but be ornaments to the institution." The Lodges number two hundred, and the membership sixteen thousand, one hundred and ninety-two. The relief accounts foot up at \$28,866.27.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

met in October last. This jurisdiction then had twenty-five Lodges and three thousand and thirty-four members. Relief paid \$4,537.00.

OHIO.

This jurisdiction reports three hundred and fifty-three Lodges, and twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred and fifty-two members. Five thousand, five hundred and forty were added during the year. The relief granted during the year amounted to \$61,865.54.

ONTARIO.

On British, as well as American soil, our Order, when established, seems to thrive and flourish. The Grand Lodge of Ontario met at Ingersoll, in August last, when the reports show the astonishing increase of thirty-three per cent. during the preceding year, leaving a total membership in good standing of eleven hundred and thirty-seven; number of Lodges, seventeen, with \$25,000 in cash in their treasuries.

OREGON.

Everywhere on the shores of the Pacific, the seed of Odd Fellowship, once planted, speedily becomes a vigorous tree, spreading its beneficent branches

over every community. Oregon has proved no exception to the rule. It is nearly a year since the session of her Grand Lodge, and the reports then show a great degree of prosperity; but her increase has been so much since then, that the statistics then given would now be of little value as tending to show her present condition.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This, the greatest of all State Grand Lodges, has held several sessions during the past year. No later statistical reports have been given than those furnished at its last annual session, when the Grand Lodge was composed of ten thousand four hundred and twenty members, and had under its jurisdiction, five hundred and twenty-six Lodges, with a contributing membership of sixty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-five. Its annual receipts were \$523,290 26, and its expenditures for relief alone, \$207,115 92. The admissions by initiation alone, during the year were ten thousand three hundred and sixty.

This Grand Lodge met with a severe loss by the death, on the 27th of December last, of its R. M. Grand Secretary, Brother William Curtis. That worthy Brother had held the position of Grand Secretary of that great jurisdiction for twenty-eight years, and his name and works had been so indissolubly interwoven into the works of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that the history of one, is necessarily the history of the other. In his death, the whole fraternity of Odd Fellows has lost one of its most industrious members, and one who has left a record behind him which will endure as long as the history of the Order itself endures. The important position so long filled by him is now filled by Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson.

THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND,

like the territory over which it has jurisdiction, is small, but it is none the less true to the principles of Odd Fellowship. Its annual session was held in August last, when the Grand Master among other things said :

"During the past term, the Order has gained, both in members and strength. The number of suspensions are annually growing smaller, and the members begin to see the necessity of prompt payment of their dues, and attendance to the Lodge meetings. The financial condition never was better, or more judiciously managed."

TEXAS.

The last annual session of this Grand Lodge, of which reports have come to hand, were held in February, 1858. We have read the report of the Grand Master on that occasion with much interest. It is truly an able document. We wish that much of it might be promulgated in the very words of the author, in every Lodge in this jurisdiction. But this report is already assuming such great length that we do not feel at liberty to copy more than a single sentence, and that one, of local history rather than general application. Speaking of the Order in that State, he says :

"The progress of our Order has not been as great as I had hoped at the commencement of the year; but, when we take into consideration the unprecedented misfortunes which have befallen our country—the wide-spread ruin which has impoverished our people, * * * subjecting them to present sufferings and privations, heretofore unknown, even in the midst of war, and casting over them the gloom of despondency as to the future. Under such circumstances we have abundant reason to be thankful to our Great Master above for even the limited degree of prosperity that has attended our Order in this State, and I think this should inspire us with renewed energy and zeal to press forward in the great work to which we have solemnly pledged our best exertions." Forty-five Lodges were then in active operation, with a membership of one thousand and ninety-two.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA).

The mission of Past Grand Rep. Meacham in the continent of Australia has been crowned with great success. The Grand and Subordinate Lodges of Victoria have been fully reorganized and put in possession of all the work of our Independent Order, and an elaborate and interesting journal of all the proceedings necessary to produce this great change has been received. It is full of interest, but needs to be read as a whole, to be appreciated. The expressions of interest, of friendship, and brotherly love on the part of this Grand Lodge are fully reciprocated by our brethren in that colony, and are published in full in their journal. The act of our Grand Secretary in delivering to Brother Meacham the commission, and all his proceedings under it, have been fully approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States; he has been commissioned to organize, and has organized the Encampment branch of the Order. And now, after having traversed the entire colony, and instructed all the Lodges and Encampments, under another commission he has gone forth again to repeat the glorious work in the Island of New Zealand. Thus it will be seen that the messenger of peace sent out from our ark, found a secure resting place. And now others seem sure to follow, until the Odd Fellows of all nations are united in one common brotherhood.

VIRGINIA.

The Order in this jurisdiction is struggling hard to regain its ancient vigor, since the war. The last Annual Communication, of which a record has been received, was held in April, 1868. At that session the Grand Master said:

"There has been no time since the close of the war, when deliberation in council, and judgment in action, were more needed by us than at the present session. The darkness has not been dissipated, and the star is still below the horizon. Our dormant Lodges, which we fully expected to see bouyant with life, are still closed, and in many of the active Lodges the lamp burns dimly, and only a faint light is shed around. I fear the members themselves have not had that earnest zeal which becomes those who are invested with the privileges of the Odd Fellow, and clothed with his power of blessing our race.

The Lodges which were in active operation last year are still struggling on in the discharge of their duties, and the principles of the Order have been firmly maintained. One new Lodge only has been set at work."

The message of the Grand Master concludes with an able and eloquent effort to rouse the brethren to action, portraying the beauties of the Order, the duties devolving upon it, and the beneficent results that ought to flow from it; but it is too long to be copied here. Thirty-seven Lodges were then at work, with a membership of two thousand five hundred and two.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Order in this newly organized jurisdiction is in a more prosperous condition. At its session in April, 1868, forty Lodges were represented, with a membership of two thousand five hundred and ninety-four.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is of less extent than that of many of our single Subordinates, and its communications seem to be almost as frequent. It embraces eleven Lodges, and two thousand four hundred members. That it *works* in the cause of Odd Fellowship is manifest from the fact that, small as it is, its last Annual Relief Reports show an expenditure for relief of \$10,961.69.

Your Committee have thus endeavored, as briefly as possible, to notice the condition of the Order in each of the Jurisdictions from which reports have been received, and this imperfect result of our labors is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. N. FOX,
D. B. WOOLF,
T. RODGERS JOHNSON.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, moved that the report of the Committee on Correspondence be received and referred to the same Committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's report. Carried.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, submitted the following, which was on motion, adopted.

Resolved, That the subject of the representation of Lodges under dispensation be referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to report such legislation and constitutional amendments (if any) that the Committee may find necessary or proper.

DAVIS LOUDERBACK.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, submitted an amendment to Art. IX, Grand Lodge Constitution, and moved its reference to Legislative Committee. Carried.

Rep. Garwood, from Committee on Parker Monument, submitted the following report and moved its reference to a special Committee of three, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PARKER MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

of the State of California:

By a resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, passed at its last session (*Journal of Proceedings*, May, 1868, page 497), the Parker Monument Committee was continued for one year, and authorized to again apply to the membership of the Order for contributions to the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), the same to be applied in improving and taking care of the monument and grounds laid out, and erected to the memory of P. G. M., SAMUEL H. PARKER. In obedience to the resolution, your committee entered into a contract with Brother James Henderson of this city, for the stone walls, coping, steps, and terrace around the monument, according to plans, specifications and drawings prepared by Brother H. T. Bestor, architect, for the sum of fifteen hundred and seventy dollars (\$1,570). The work was finished within the time specified to the satisfaction of your committee.

Your committee also entered into a contract with Brother David Hunter, for grading, laying out walks, planting trees, etc., to embellish the surroundings, for the sum of three hundred and eighty dollars and thirty-five cents (\$380.35). An additional expense was incurred of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), in consequence of the late earthquake having started a portion

of the upper part of the column, which had to be readjusted. The amount expended since the last report is two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-five cents (\$2,160.35), as will appear in the Treasurer's report. The cost of the monument as it now stands is as follows:

May 1st, 1868—By amount paid as per vouchers, by Martin Heller, Treasurer.....	\$6,185 09
April 12th, 1869—By amount paid by Henry B. Brooks, Treasurer...	<u>2,160 35</u>
	\$8,345 44

The total cost of the monument, and the improvements of the grounds, therefore, is eight thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars and forty-four cents (\$8,345.44).

At a meeting of the committee, held June 12th, 1868, the resignation of Brother Martin Heller, a member of the committee and its Treasurer, was accepted. P. G. Lewis Sober was elected to fill the vacancy, with the approval of the Standing Committee of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and P. G., H. B. Brooks was elected Treasurer.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRACE.

The monument stands on a terrace, circular on plan, which is surrounded at the base by a wall 173 feet in circumference, and 1 foot 4 inches in height, of blue stone, from the quarries near Lone Mountain, smooth-faced, set in cement mortar, and tuck-pointed, and with a good foundation.

The wall is capped with Folsom granite, 12½ inches wide and 6¾ inches thick, chamfered, and in long lengths.

The wall and capping terminate at steps with a circular abutment 1 foot 10 inches in diameter, leaving a space of 9 feet between for the steps.

The approach to the terrace is by nine granite steps, 8 inches thick, circular on plan, in uniformity with the plan of terrace; the bottom step is 2 feet in width, and 10 feet 6 inches long; the other steps being 12 inches wide, and diminished to 6 feet 10 inches in length at the top.

At each side of the step is a granite abutment 10 inches thick, 18 inches deep, and about 10 feet in length, rounded on top.

All the granite work is neatly patent hammer-dressed, set in good cement mortar, and pointed with white lead, and joinings fastened with strong copper cramps.

At the northerly side, outside of, and 6 feet from this wall, is another wall to support the walk; this wall is about 70 feet in length, and from 1 foot in depth at the ends to about 5 feet in the middle portion, and averages from 1 to 2 feet in thickness.

The terrace is graded to an angle to correspond with the incline of steps, and filled in at the lower part with about 1 foot, and the upper part 2 feet in depth, of good rich loam, and set out with 21 trees (Monterey Cypress), placed in two rows, with 15 trees in the lower row, and 6 trees in the upper row.

At the foot of the terrace, outside the stone wall and level with the road, is a circular graveled walk 6 feet wide. At the top of the terrace is another circular gravel walk about 100 feet in circumference, 3 feet, 8 inches wide, with brick border at each side.

The minutes of the committee, communications, specifications, proposals, bonds, models, bonds of the Treasurer, and all papers relating to the monument and grounds, are in possession of your R. W. Grand Secretary, T. Rodgers Johnson, for preservation and reference.

In closing this their final report, your committee feel proud of the confidence and honor conferred on them in superintending a monument in commemoration of the great and good man whose memory is still and ever will be cherished in the hearts of all true "Odd Fellows," and with feelings ever grateful to the members at large for their contributions and assistance in bringing this work to a close, and the satisfaction of knowing that we present and hand over to the R. W. Grand Lodge the monument as it now stands, free of all liabilities incurred in its erection and completion, with a small balance to the credit of its fund.

Your committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That after the reception, examination, and approval of this report, that the Parker Monument, as now finished, be placed in charge of the Standing Committee of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and their successors in office, and that the balance of money on hand to the credit of the Parker Monument Fund, and all moneys that may be hereafter received on account of said Fund, be committed to the care of said Standing Committee, in trust, for embellishments or repairs of said monument, as may be deemed necessary, and to be applied to no other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. GARWOOD,
GEORGE T. BOHEN,
LEWIS SOHER,
J. A. McCLELLAND,
THOMAS STEALY.

The Grand Master appointed as said Committee the following :

Rep. CHERRY, of No. 3.
Rep. TAYLOR, of No. 147.
Rep. IRDALE, of No. 155.

On motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, the reports as submitted by the Committee on Appeals were received and laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California :*

W. B. CHAFFIN, P. G., *Appellant*, }
 vs. }
HOFF LODGE, No. 33, *Respondent*. }

Brother Leeper ceased membership in 1864, for non-payment of dues. At that time the yearly dues were sixteen dollars. The dues having been reduced to twelve dollars, the brother was re-instated on the 5th of April last on payment of the latter sum, the Lodge contending that the yearly dues at the date of re-instatement, is all that can be required.

The Lodge was wrong. Section 10, of Article VII, of the Constitution of Subordinates says, the person may be re-instated "by the payment of the amount due the Lodge at the time he ceased to be a member." This amount is the same whether the re-instatement be on motion within one year by a two-thirds vote, or on petition, after the year, as in case of initiates.

We presume that the object of the appeal is simply to settle the principle for future guidance of the Lodge; as, of course, the error in admitting brother Leeper by payment of twelve dollars only, does not deprive him of membership. The extra four dollars can be charged against him on the books.

J. B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:

L. SOLOMON, *Appellant*,
vs.
PLACER LODGE, No. 38, *Respondent*.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge refusing to strike the name of brother John Eiszler from the list of Past Grands.

Brother Eiszler was regularly installed as Vice Grand of the Lodge on the 14th day of January, 1865, and served in that capacity until May 27th, 1865. On that evening the N. G., brother Makins, resigned his office, and the Lodge elected brother Eiszler to fill the vacancy—all other qualified brothers refusing to serve, and the members generally believing that if brother Eiszler served as N. G. for the balance of the term, he would be entitled to the honors of the office. Accordingly, at the next meeting, June 3d, 1865, he was installed into the chair of Noble Grand, and served to the end of the term. Another brother was elected and installed as Vice Grand for the rest of the term, and then was elected and installed N. G. for the next term and served his time. The question is now raised as to the right of brother Eiszler to the rank of Past Grand.

The appellant contends that the action of the Lodge results in two Past Vice Grands in one term, and hence making the Vice Grand's position for that term a stepping stone for two brothers into the chair of N. G.

This is a mistake. When brother Eiszler was installed N. G. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of brother Makins, he forfeited the honors of Vice Grand, and they passed to his successor. (Digest Grand Lodge U. S., 1864, p. 105, Sec. 6).

This left but one brother entitled to the honors of Past Vice Grand for the term, to-wit: the brother installed V. G. to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of brother Eiszler to the chair of N. G.

The only other difficulty is that brother Eiszler was installed N. G. without having, in the language of the Constitution of Subordinates (Art. II, Sec. 3), served a term as V. G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy; nor is there any evidence that a dispensation was granted by which he might have been elected as a Scarlet member.

The Constitution says a Scarlet member may be elected N. G. if all other qualified brothers refuse to serve and a dispensation be granted. Here, brother Eiszler appears to have been elected without a dispensation; and the question is whether this irregularity deprives him of the honors of the office?

We think not. If the objection were raised before the installation of a brother, it would be good cause for a new election. But where a Lodge in good faith, elects a brother under circumstances like these, and he accepts the office and serves out his term, the irregularity is cured, and the brother is entitled to the rank of Past Grand. It would be a harsh rule to hold that some Past Grand Representative, or Past Grand Master was not entitled to his rank, because it was decided that ten years before he was irregularly elected Noble Grand.

Judgment affirmed.

JOHN B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE,

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California :

BAY VIEW LODGE, No. 109, Respondent, }
vs. }
JAMES W. TURNER, P. G., Appellant. }

The appellant was tried upon charges of embezzlement of the money of a Cemetery Association, of which he was Superintendent, and also upon other charges.

Four members of the Committee sign a report finding the accused guilty of three of the charges, and, among them, that of embezzlement.

The fifth member of the Committee signs a report finding the accused guilty of all the charges except embezzlement.

There is a large amount of evidence, and the defendant, in the course of the trial, seems to have thought the Committee unfair in their hearing of the case.

We see no room for any such suspicion ; but there was an irregularity in the proceedings which compels us to reverse the judgment, which was, suspension for one year.

The Committee met twenty-four times—and, on *nineteen* of the meetings, there was not a full Committee,—generally only three being present.

To permit a judgment, which is based, in part, upon a verdict of persons who did not hear all the testimony, to stand, would be a gross violation of first principles. The fact that the testimony is all written out and read over by the absent members of the Committee and by the Lodge, makes no difference. The opinion of the Committee has great weight with the Lodge ; and, if a single member of the Committee has rendered his verdict without seeing all the witnesses and having a chance to judge of the value of their testimony by their general demeanor, an element of weakness and injustice becomes incorporated into the verdict, which ought to set it aside.

This point has been expressly decided by this Grand Lodge. (Journal, vol. 2, p. 35, 37.) And we re-affirm it.

Judgment reversed, and cause remanded for a new trial.

J. B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California :

BAY VIEW LODGE, No. 109, Respondent, }
vs. }
S. HOLMES, Appellant. }

We agree with the Lodge that the charges were not sustained by the evidence. At the same time the language used by Appellant, though under some palliating circumstances, was unbecoming. And we consider it our duty again to remind brothers that cases like this ought to be kept out of the Lodge.

Judgment affirmed.

J. B. HARMON.
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California.

T. J. TITLOW, P. G., *Appellant*,
vs.
ANNIVERSARY LODGE, No. 85, *Respondent*.

In January, 1868, a bill for \$40 was presented to the Lodge from Morning Star Division of the Sons of Temperance, as the one-third value of a lot of chairs, part of the furniture of the hall, used in common by the two organizations.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee, reported correct by them on the 12th day of February, and a draft ordered drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

At the next meeting of the Lodge the Secretary stated that the draft had been returned to him, because the Treasurer refused to pay it; but whether he held the draft as Secretary or as one of the Trustees of the Sons of Temperance, he did not state. A motion was then made to cancel the draft, and carried.

Here the matter rested until July 1st, 1868, when the Secretary announced that, as one of the Trustees of the Sons of Temperance, he was authorized to return the draft to the Lodge, and to state that Morning Star Division did not intend further to ask payment of the bill, but left the whole matter with the Lodge.

The draft was on motion laid on the table; and on the 8th of July the Lodge ordered the Secretary to cancel and destroy it.

Past Grand Titlow appeals from this action of the Lodge, contending that the Lodge had no power to cancel the draft except in case of fraud or mistake.

After the draft was returned to the Lodge it had power to cancel it. Fraud or mistake are not the only grounds for such action. Suppose a Lodge votes a sum as a donation, and after the draft is drawn, but while in possession of the Lodge, members change their minds; it would be competent to cancel the draft.

There seems to be some feeling as to this bill between the Lodge and the Sons of Temperance. We regret this, and urge the Lodge to review the matter calmly and to do what justice requires, without intimating that the Lodge has done anything wrong. Appeal dismissed.

J. B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California.

SUTTER CREEK LODGE, No. 31, *Respondent*,
vs.
G. L. DERBY, *Appellant*.

Brother Derby was tried and convicted upon the charge of being drunk several times during the year; and in particular, of being drunk on the 16th day of April, 1868, and making a public exposition of his drunkenness.

The Lodge suspended him for one year, and we see no reason for interfering with its action. Judgment affirmed.

J. B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

A. TEAGUE, *Appellant*,
vs.
BAY VIEW LODGE, No. 109, *Respondent*.

Brother George Meyer, a member of Bay View Lodge, in good standing, died in October last. At the first meeting of the Lodge thereafter it was moved that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the widow of the deceased for one hundred dollars, funeral benefits, as provided in the By-Laws. For this motion, a substitute, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate certain rumors relative to the conduct of the deceased just before his death, was adopted. Subsequently, the committee reported the rumor to be, that Brother Meyer, a short time previous to his death, had renounced his connection with and allegiance to our Order, and that the facts were as follows:

Brother Meyer had belonged to the Order for several years, and had uniformly so acted and spoken of its principles as to be regarded a worthy member. Nearly his last request was to be buried by the Order; and a few days prior to his death he called his two sons, aged respectively twelve and fourteen years, to his bed side and urged them so to live that they might become members of the Order when they reached manhood. The deceased and his family were Catholics, and the doctrine of their Church is that a Catholic who becomes a member of a secret organization is *ipso facto* excommunicated—deprived of the sacraments while living, and of Christian burial when dead. If, at any time he becomes penitent and renounces all further connection with such society, he is re-established in the privileges he had forfeited. This is the law of the Church, as stated by a Catholic priest in a letter written to the Committee of Investigation. The family of Brother Meyer and his friends, aware of this law, persistently urged him to seek the services of a Catholic clergyman; and after some delay and refusal, he finally consented—received the sacrament of the Church, and was buried in accordance with its doctrines.

The committee reported the facts, without recommendation, and the motion to grant the benefits being renewed, was lost.

From this action of the Lodge the appeal is taken.

It is to be observed that there is no absolute proof that Brother Meyer did renounce Odd Fellowship on his death bed. The committee do not state from what sources they derived their facts; but, after reporting them as above, say: "The result was that he received the sacrament of the Church, and was buried accordingly. By applying the rule of the Church to Brother Meyer's case, the Lodge can arrive at a proper conclusion."

They annex to their report a letter from a Catholic priest, who simply states the law of his Church, and then says; "By applying this law to the question proposed, you will readily find a solution."

Overlooking the fact that this letter was not admissible as evidence, the record does not disclose the question proposed to the priest, and he declines to state, in direct terms, that the Brother renounced our Order. Doubtless, or at least probably, other laws of his Church prohibit him from divulging the confessions or renunciations of the deceased.

We know of no law of the Order which deprives the widow of funeral benefits in this case. The Grand Lodge of the United States has left the regu-

lation of benefits to the local jurisdiction, and the Constitution of Subordinates in this State provides that, "in case of the death of a member, qualified as in the last section, there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of burial, to be paid by the N. G., on account of the funeral"; and also, that "the funeral and sick benefits shall be regulated by the By-Laws of the Lodge; and all orders drawn for the above benefits shall be by vote of the Lodge." (Const. Subor., Art. IV, Secs. 3, 4.)

The By-Laws of Bay View Lodge (Art. XXVII. Sec. 3) read thus: "On the death of a brother there shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge one hundred dollars, to defray the funeral expenses; and on the death of the wife of a brother, fifty dollars, for the same purpose."

The test, therefore, whether funeral benefits are due, is: was the brother in good standing at the time of his death? If he were, it is the duty of the Lodge to grant them. To go behind this question, and inquire into rumors which, if true, might subject the brother to charges and expulsion had he lived, is virtually to try a dead man. (G. L. U. S. Journal, 3031, 3083, 3113, 3122, 3135.) To deny the benefits, is to punish the innocent family of the deceased. The case may be likened to that of suicide. To take one's own life, is a great crime; and yet it has been held that the suicide's family is entitled to benefits. (G. L. U. S. Journal, 807, 2403.)

Perhaps legislation is needed upon this subject, but we must follow the law as it stands. It may be that, where it is clearly proven that a brother on his death bed, openly renounced Odd Fellowship, he ought to be deemed to have resigned his connection with the Order. On the other hand, cases like this are likely to be so rare that it may be well to let the law remain as it is.

Let the judgment below be reversed, with directions to the Lodge to pay the funeral benefits, as required in its By-Laws.

J. B. HARMON,
H. J. TILDEN,
T. R. KIBBE.

Rep. White, of No. 3, submitted an amendment to Art. VII, Sec. 10, of Constitution of Subordinates, which was received and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Luce, of No. 4, submitted an amendment to Art. VI, Sec. 11, which was received and referred to the same Committee.

The M. W. Grand Master presented his account of travelling expenses incurred during the term, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

At four o'clock, on motion of Rep. Burton, of No. 6, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

SECOND DAY OF SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th, 1869, }
10 o'clock, A. M. }

PRESENT:

The following named Grand Officers:

C. S. HASWELL.....	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
L. E. PRATT.....	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem.</i>
JOHN B. HARMON.....	<i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i>
T. RODGERS JOHNSON.....	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
HENRY B. BROOKS.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
C. W. DANNALS, } A. J. GUNNISON. }	<i>R. W. Grand Representatives.</i>
REV. WILLIAM H. HILL.....	<i>Worthy Grand Chaplain.</i>
W. K. BENJAMIN.....	<i>Worthy Grand Marshal.</i>
W. H. TOOTHAKER.....	<i>Worthy Grand Conductor.</i>
G. WARNER.....	<i>Worthy Grand Guardian.</i>
C. G. STAHL.....	<i>Worthy Grand Herald.</i>

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 94, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the special Committee on Arrangements of Districts:

Resolved, That Havilah Lodge, No. 148, be and is hereby separated from District No. 37, and constituted as a new District.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted an additional report, stating that he had issued the following Proclamation:

I. O. O. F. PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
SAN FRANCISCO, May 4, 1869. }

To all Lodges Subordinate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of California, I. O. O. F., Greeting:

Know ye, that the completion of the great connecting chain which links the Atlantic with the Pacific ocean by bands of iron, is an event to the nation of the first importance, and particularly so to our State beyond the power of

language to express, and to our Order the glory of securing the assembling of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States upon our shores in the coming fall; and as this work is within a few days of completion, and to be celebrated with processions, orations, poems, the ringing of bells and the firing of cannon, to express the joy felt in the grand consummation.

Now, therefore, I, C. S. Haswell, M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, do grant this dispensation to all Lodges desiring to avail themselves of the privilege to appear on said occasion in public procession, with the regalia and emblems of the Order, as they may elect, to give expression to the joy which the happy event inspires. And I would add, that I view it as eminently proper for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which, owing to its being an American institution, is particularly interested in whatever may add greatness to us as a nation, and under whose broad protecting shield we have been secured in all our efforts and possessions, to participate as Odd Fellows in our proper character.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, this fourth day of May, A.D. 1869.

C. S. HASWELL, Grand Master.

Rep. Estee, of No. 123, presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table :

Resolved, That a committee of twelve, consisting of the Grand Master, the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge, for the years 1868 and 1869, and the Grand Representatives from the Grand Encampment of this State to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the same years, and four of the Representatives of this Grand body, to be appointed by the Grand Master, be designated to act as a Committee of Escort to meet the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on their way to this city in September next, at some point on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad, and escort them to this city.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Sacramento, and all other resolutions locating the next session of the Grand Lodge, be made the special order for three o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. McLaren, of No. 155, moved the following :

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of the Annual Reports of the officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge be printed and furnished to the representatives present at this Session.

Adopted.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That abstract questions upon hypothetical propositions, when propounded by a member or a Lodge, without a case in fact, shall not be answered in an official manner by the M. W. Grand Master, or any of his District Deputies; all such questions shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Sessions, and shall be referred to an appropriate committee under the rule.

Rep. Wanzer, of No. 96, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of this Grand Lodge do issue to Branciforte Lodge, No. 96 (without cost to said Lodge), a new charter, which said charter shall be of force and take legal effect, as, and of the date of the present charter of said Lodge.

The following resolution, offered by Rep. Thomas, of No. 94, was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Warden be and is hereby authorized to confer P. O. Degrees upon all brothers entitled to receive them, upon the production of the proper certificates.

Rep. Willow, of No. 9, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their best endeavors to pass a resolution to rescind the action of said R. W. Grand Lodge in regard to changing the regalia of the Order.

Rep. Wartenberg, of No. 35, offered the following, which, on motion of Rep. Fox, of No. 109, was referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to make a general revision of all the districts:

Resolved, That San Bernardino County be detached from District No. 30, and made a separate district, to be known as District No. 51, comprising San Bernardino Lodge, No. 146. That San Diego County be detached from District No. 30, and made a separate district, to be known as District No. 52, comprising San Diego Lodge, No. 153. That Santa Barbara County be detached from District No. 30, and made a separate district, to be known as District No. 53, comprising Santa Barbara Lodge, No. 156.

The Grand Master appointed as said committee:

Rep. Fox, of No. 109,

Rep. THOMAS, of No. 94,

Rep. WELL, of No. 24.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved that the Grand Lodge meet tomorrow at 9½ o'clock.

Rep. Hickox, of No. 32, moved to amend to 9 o'clock.

Amendment adopted, and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Representatives from No. 4, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage:

To the Grand Master:

WHEREAS, by some error the name of P. G. John Fisher, of Eureka

Lodge, No. 4, was transmitted to the Grand Secretary as being entitled to mileage, we, the undersigned Representatives from said Lodge, affirm that Rep. W. C. Felch, is entitled to said mileage.

Respectfully submitted,

P. FRANKLIN,
G. W. WALLACE,
ISRAEL LUCE.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, offered an amendment to Art. II, Sec. 1, Grand Lodge Constitution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, presented the following resolutions which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That it is the indispensable duty of every Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to become duly incorporated under the laws of the State of California; and that the M. W. Grand Master is hereby requested to instruct his District Deputies to present the matter of such incorporation before each Lodge in their Districts, at every installation of officers until such incorporation be perfected.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to procure the printing of 240 copies of the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act concerning Corporations," relating to benevolent and other associations, approved April 22, 1850; also, 240 copies of a proper blank form of Certificate of Incorporation under said Act; and that he furnish one copy of each, as soon as practicable, to every Lodge in this State.

Rep. Wheeler, of No. 75, presented a communication from French Gulch Lodge, No. 75, returning thanks for the use of regalia belonging to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Norman, No. 87, from Special Committee on Digest, presented his Report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIGEST.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. of O. F.
of the State of California:*

At the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge a resolution was passed appointing the undersigned "A Committee to act during the recess, to prepare a copious digest of all proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the sessions since the publication of the Digest, to be published by the Grand Secretary, in the bound volume embracing the proceedings of those sessions."

This duty has been performed, and the work is now in possession of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

R. B. NORMAN.

Rep. McKune, from the Legislative Committee, presented the following report, on amendment submitted by Rep. White, as follows, which was laid on the table:

I propose to amend Section 10, Article VII, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by adding after the word "paid," in the fifth line of said section, the words: "together with such additional amount, on account of the increased age of the applicant since he ceased membership, as the By-Laws of the Lodge may require."

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the proposal of Rep. White, of No. 3, to amend Section 10, Article VII, of the Constitution of Subordinates, beg leave to report the amendment proposed, and recommend its adoption as follows:

It is hereby enacted that Section 10 of Article VII, of the Constitution of Subordinates be, and it is hereby amended, by inserting after the word "paid," the following words: "together with such additional amount on account of the increased age of the applicant, as the By-Laws of the Lodge may require."

J. H. MCKUNE,
JAMES O. WANZER,
LEON D. FREER,
E. W. ROBERTS,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. McKune, from same Committee, presented the following report and resolution, embraced in the report, and moved to lay the same on the table, which motion was carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to use their best endeavors to pass a resolution to rescind the action of said R. W. Grand Lodge in regard to changing the regalia of the Order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHANGING REGALIA.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Past Grand Elias Willow, of No. 9, relative to the rescinding of the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in changing the regalia of the Order, now report that we do not deem further legislation in the premises necessary.

J. H. MCKUNE,
LEON D. FREER,
E. W. ROBERTS,
JAS. O. WANZER.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Parker Monument, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKER MONUMENT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on erection of a monument to the memory of the late Past Grand Master S. H. Parker, having examined the books and vouchers of said Committee, respectfully report that they find them correct in every particular, and take pleasure in commending the energy, taste and economy with which the work has been prosecuted by the Committee, from its commencement to its final completion.

We also commend the suggestions contained in their report, with reference to the care of the monument in the future, to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, and recommend the adoption of the resolution submitted by them.

JOHN W. CHERRY,
A. T. TAYLOR,
A. S. IRVEDALE.

The Special Committee on the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Representatives, submitted a report, which on motion of Rep. Fox, of No. 109, was laid on the table to be printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

Most Worthy Grand Master:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, and the Report of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for distribution, respectfully report: That so much of the Grand Master's Report relating to old and new Lodges, and decisions, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

2d. All that portion of the Report relating to dispensations and special commissions, be referred to the Committee on Legislation, and your Committee recommend that said Committee take into their consideration the advisability of granting dispensations to ballot and initiate candidates on the same night of instituting a new Lodge.

3d. The question of D. D. Grand Master, J. S. Drummond be referred to the Grand Representatives.

4th. All that portion of the Report referring to the death of R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother S. W. Brockway, and the Past Grands, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

5th. That portion of the report relating to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be referred to a Special Committee of three.

6th. That portion relating to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in this city be referred to a Special Committee of five.

7th. That portion of the report relating to the Odd Fellows' College and Home be referred to a Special Committee of five; and recommend the present M. W. Grand Master be one of that Committee. Such Committee to take such action in the premises as they may deem necessary: *provided*, they shall

not create any liability against this Grand Lodge, until they have first reported and received its assent thereto.

8th. In the Report of the Grand Representative, recommend that so much as relates to Non-Affiliated Odd-Follows, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

F. A. HORNBLOWER,
J. S. DRUMMOND,
R. R. MERRILL,
P. FRANKLIN.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to take up the reports of the Committee on Appeals, found on pages 64 to 69 printed Journal. Carried.

The first report, found on pages 64 to 69, viz: W. B. Chaffin, P. G., appellant, vs. Hope Lodge, No. 33, respondent, was, on motion of Rep. Tilden, of 124, adopted.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved to amend the second report, on page 65, viz: L. Solomon, appellant, vs. Placer Lodge, No. 38, respondent, as follows: Move that the report be amended by striking out the last paragraph and insert in lieu thereof, "by the provisions of the Constitution of Subordinates, and the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Brother Eiszler is not entitled to the rank of Past Grand, because no dispensation was granted. The appeal is sustained.

Pending action on the above, Rep. McKune, from Legislative Committee, was, by general consent, permitted to present the following reports, which, on motion, were laid on the table and ordered printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Burton, in regard to amending Sec. 1, Art. 2, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, striking out the word "first," before Tuesday, in line two, and inserting the word "second," recommend that the same be adopted, as follows:

It is hereby enacted, that Sec. 1, of Art. 2, Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, be amended by striking out the word "first," before Tuesday, in line two, and inserting the word "second."

LEON D. FREER,
J. H. MCKUNE,
E. W. ROBERTS,
JAMES O. WANZER,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Resolved, That the subject of the representation of Lodges under dispensation be referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to report such legislation and constitutional amendments (if any) that the committee may find necessary or proper.

DAVIS LOUDERBACK.

Amend Article 6, Section 11, Constitution of Subordinates, by adding after the word "year," in last line, as follows: Excepting such Lodges as are working under dispensation, who shall be entitled to one for the dispensation and one for its members, when not less than twenty.

ISRAEL LUCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the propositions of Reps. Luce, of No. 4, and Louderback, of No. 15, touching the right to representation in this Grand Lodge, of Subordinate Lodges working under dispensation, report the following, and recommend its adoption:

"It is hereby enacted that Section 11, of Article 6, Constitution of Subordinates, be amended by inserting the words 'or dispensation' after the word 'charter,' where it occurs therein."

Your committee have considered in this connection the further question as to whether a Lodge working under a dispensation, which makes no report prior to the 31st of December of the previous year, will be entitled to more than one representative, and your committee are of opinion that it would not. Lodges working under dispensation are usually constituted from brothers who have withdrawn from other Lodges, and were counted as members of other Lodges in regular reports. To allow such brothers representation in new Lodges would be to give them double powers.

We therefore recommend that this report be taken as a settlement of the question; and that Lodges working under dispensations, and which make their reports as other Lodges, be represented according to membership, while those which do not make their report on said 31st day of December shall be entitled to only one Representative.

J. H. MCKUNE,
LEON D. FREER,
JAMES O. WANZER,
A. C. BRADFORD,
E. W. ROBERTS.

The time of recess having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge called to order at 1 P. M., and proceeded to act on the report of the Committee on Appeals, found on page 65, printed Journal.

Pending action on the above, the M. W. Grand Master asked, and obtained, leave to read the following telegram:

SACRAMENTO, May 5, 1869.

C. S. Haswell, Grand Master of I. O. O. F.

The undersigned Committee on Correspondence and Invitation, railroad celebration, do hereby invite yourself, officers and members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and all other members of the Order who desires to participate with our citizens in the celebration of the great event shortly to be consummated, to be present and join with us on the day of demonstration, Saturday, May 8. You will please lay the matter before the Grand Lodge, and telegraph reply.

JOHN BIGLER,
SAMUEL CROSS,
GEO. ROWLAND,

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, was, by general consent, permitted to offer the following resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the invitation just read be accepted, and that this Grand Lodge, in a body and in full regalia, attend the celebration of the completion of the Pacific Railroad, at Sacramento, on Saturday next, and then and there pay their respects to the officers who have carried through that great work ; that P. G. M. David Kendall, Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson, and P. G., F. A. Hornblower, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for our transportation to and from Sacramento, it being understood that the expenses of such transportation is to be borne by the members attending, and not out of the treasury.

Resolved, That the B. W. Grand Encampment be invited to unite with us in the excursion and demonstration.

The Grand Lodge then considered the motion of Rep. Louderback, to amend the report of the Committee on Appeals, pages 65-67, which motion was lost.

The vote recurring on the report as submitted by the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, on page 66, viz: Bay View Lodge, No. 109, respondent, vs. James W. Turner, P. G., appellant, was, on motion of Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, adopted.

The next report, on page 66, viz: Bay View Lodge, No. 109, respondent, vs. S. Holmes, appellant, was, on motion, adopted.

The next report, page 67, case of T. J. Titlow, appellant vs. Anniversary Lodge, No. 85, respondent, was taken up, and adopted.

The next report, on page 67, viz: Sutter Creek Lodge, No. 31, respondent, vs. G. L. Derby, appellant, was, on motion, adopted.

The next report, on page 68, viz: A. Teague, appellant, vs. Bay View Lodge, No. 109, respondent, was adopted.

Rep. Tilden, from the Committee on Appeals, asked and obtained leave to withdraw their report in the case of A. C. Bradford, Appellant, vs. Mariposa Lodge, No. 39, Respondent, for further consideration.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution of Rep. Fox, of No. 109, relating to visiting Sacramento by this Grand body on the occasion of the Railroad celebration in that city.

Rep. Tilden, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

P. G., S. P. BOYD, Appellant, }
vs. }
GRANITE LODGE, No. 62, Respondent. }

This is an appeal from the action of Granite Lodge, No. 62, annulling a Withdrawal Card granted by mistake.

The brother to whom the Card was granted returned the same, with a request that it be annulled, as he had not applied for the same, and did not wish to sever his connection with the Lodge. The Lodge annulled the Card, and decided that it was not necessary to notify the R. W. Grand Secretary of its action in the matter.

We think the action of the Lodge correct. It simply rectified a mistake.
[Digest of California, page 180.]

H. J. TILDEN,
J. B. HARMON,
R. B. NORMAN,
CHAS. W. BOWMAN.

The report of the Special Committee on the reports of M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Representatives, page 75, was taken up, and amended to refer that portion of the report concerning old and new Lodges to the Committee on Petitions. The report as amended was then adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, submitted the following, which, on motion of Rep. Luce, of No. 4, was adopted.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S
AND GRAND TREASURER'S REPORTS.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee appointed to distribute the subjects embraced in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, beg leave to recommend the following:

That so much as refers to the purchase of a fire proof safe for the Grand Secretary's office, be referred for action to the Grand Lodge.

That so much as refers to the compilation of the decisions made by this Grand Lodge which are entered upon the Secret Journal, be also referred to the Grand Lodge when the work is submitted by the Grand Secretary for approval.

That the remainder of the report, embracing financial accounts and business submitted to the Grand Secretary by resolution of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That the entire report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer be also referred to the Finance Committee.

W. A. FELCH,
THOS. H. SINEX.

The same Committee submitted the following report which, on motion, was also adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:*

The undersigned Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Correspondence for distribution, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find nothing which in their judgment requires reference to other committees. The committee have evidently applied themselves with much industry to the discharge of their duties, and have collated a mass of information relative to the state of the Order in other jurisdictions, of much value to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and the Subordinate Lodges under its charge. Your committee therefore recommend that the report be approved.

W. C. FELCH,
THOS. H. SINEX.

Rep. Dibble, of No. 52, submitted the following amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule.

I move that Section 3, of Article 2, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge be amended so as to read: Every Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one Representative for its charter, one representative for every fifty, and one representative for the fraction of twenty-five members in good standing.

Rep. Wartenberg, of No. 35, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That for the remainder of this session no Representative shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time upon any question, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. Tilden, of 124, moved it lie on the table. Carried.

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 124, submitted an amendment to Art. 4, Sec. 6, of Grand Lodge Constitution, which was received and referred to Committee on Legislation.

Rep. Dann, of No. 15, submitted the following, and moved its reference to the Legislative Committee. Carried.

I propose to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 3. After the words "good standing" insert, "as shown by its report on the 31st day of December, of the previous year; *provided*, that any Lodge established under dispensation or otherwise, subsequent to that date, shall be entitled to representation as above for the membership in good standing of such Lodge on the date of the election of such representatives, such membership to be certified to the R. W. Grand Secretary, under the seal of such Subordinate Lodge, prior to the first day's session of each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The following communication was received, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply thereto, stating that the Grand Lodge had already accepted an invitation to go to Sacramento:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5th, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Sir: The citizens of San Francisco having decided to celebrate in an appropriate manner the completion of the Great Pacific Railroad, it is earnestly hoped that the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and its Subordinates in this city and vicinity, will join in the public demonstration to be made in honor of that event.

Very respectfully,

A. P. STANFORD,
Grand Marshal.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 94, moved that the committee appointed to make arrangements for the visit to Sacramento be instructed to procure a band of music to accompany the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Carried.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, called up his motion to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution presented by Rep. Fox, of No. 109, accepting the invitation to visit Sacramento on the occasion of the railroad celebration.

A vote being taken on the reconsideration, it was lost.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 94, called up his motion to instruct the committee appointed to make the arrangements for the contemplated visit to Sacramento, to procure a band of music to accompany the Grand Lodge.

A vote being had on the motion, it was adopted.

The Grand Master announced the following special committees, as called for in the report of the special committee on the Annual Report of the Grand Master.

Committee on the death of R. W. Deputy Grand Master, S. W. Brockway, and other Past Grands:

Rep. BRADFORD, of No. 39,
Rep. DANN, of No. 15,
Rep. MCKUNE, of No. 8.

Committee on Degree of Rebekah:

Rep. DANNALS, of No. 67,
Rep. LOTHAMMER, of 105,
Rep. LOUDERBACK, of No. 15.

Committee to make arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Grand Warden J. B. HARMON,
Past Grand Master C. N. FOX,
Grand Secretary T. R. JOHNSON,
Grand Rep. C. W. DANNALS,
Grand Rep. A. J. GUNNISON.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved that the Grand Master be added to the committee. Carried.

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 155, moved that all the officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge that may be elected this session be added to the committee, which motion was carried.

Committee on Odd Fellows' College and Home:

Grand Master, C. S. HASWELL.
Rep. LANE, of No. 1.
Rep. O'BRIEN, of No. 43.
Rep. SINEX, of No. 52.
Rep. HORNBLLOWER, of No. 20.

Grand Master being appointed on the recommendation of the Special Committee on Distribution.

Rep. Fox, from the Special Committee appointed to make a general revision of several Districts, submitted a report, and moved the same lay on the table.

Grand Treasurer Brooks moved that district No. 1 be divided into two districts, and to refer the report back to the committee to report the division. Carried.

A memorial was received from the General Relief Committee of San Francisco, which, on motion of Rep. Toothaker, of No. 12, was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. McLaren, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, and moved that it be laid upon the table. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F,
of the State of California:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report the following questions submitted to them, and their answers thereto, and recommend their adoption;

Question 1.—Is it proper that a Lodge, open in the initiatory degree, should vote upon and determine the time for holding meetings for conferring the higher degrees?

JAMES O. WANZER, of No. 96.

Answer.—Yes. All business of a Subordinate Lodge, excepting the election to and conferring of the degrees, must be transacted in the initiatory degree.

Question 2.—When the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that a brother shall be a member six months before being entitled to sick benefits, and the brother falls sick before the expiration of the first six months of his membership, and such sickness continues beyond such six months, does such brother become entitled to benefits by reason of that illness immediately upon the expiration of said six months?

WAR. M. STEPHENSON, of No. 12.

Answer.—Yes.

Question No. 3.—Is a brother who has served twenty-six weeks in the office of Permanent Secretary, but never in any other office, eligible to the office of Vice Grand?

SAM'L J. TITUS, Rep. of No. 89.

Answer.—No. (See Constitution of Subordinates, Art. VI, Sec. 3.)

Question No. 4. Is a Scarlet Degree member eligible to fill the office of N. G. of a Degree Lodge?

MCCLEINTOCK, Rep. of No. 87.

Answer.—No. The same qualifications are necessary for the N. G. of a Degree Lodge as for the N. G. of a Subordinate Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McLAREN,
LEWIS KORN,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT,
DAVIS LOUDERBACK.

Rep. Phillips, of No. 29, submitted a resolution relating to the printing of the Journals, and moved to refer the same to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Hornblower, of No. 20, moved that the whole subject matter be indefinitely postponed, which motion was carried.

On motion of Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, at 4:15 o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

EVENING SESSION, 7½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to resolution to meet in secret session.

All the Grand officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

Grand Representatives C. W. Dannals and A. J. Gunnison exemplified the secret work.

The Grand Lodge closed in secret session, and opened in regular session.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THIRD DAY OF SESSION.

THURSDAY MAY 6th, 1869, }
 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The following named Grand Officers:

- C. S. HASWELL.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
- L. E. PRATT.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem.*
- JOHN B. HARMON.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
- T. RODGERS JOHNSON.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
- HENRY B. BROOKS.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
- C. W. DANNALS, }
 A. J. GUNNISON, }*R. W. Grand Representatives.*
- REV. WILLIAM H. HILL.....*Worthy Grand Chaplain.*
- W. K. BENJAMIN.....*Worthy Grand Marshal.*
- W. H. TOOTHAKER.....*Worthy Grand Conductor.*
- G. WARNER*Worthy Grand Guardian.*
- C. G. STAHL.....*Worthy Grand Herald.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved, on motion of Rep. Gates, of No. 17,

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Nomination and Election of Officers.

NOMINATIONS.

FOR M. W. GRAND MASTER.

JOHN B. HARMON, of No. 123,By Rep. Hill, of No. 87

FOR R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

WM. H. HILL, of No. 87,By Rep. Meeker, of No. 123
 C. W. DANNALS, of No. 67,By Rep. Roberts of No. 12

FOR R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

A. C. BRADFORD, of No. 39,	By Rep. Fox, of No. 109
L. E. PRATT, of No. 17,	By Rep. Schultz, of No. 29
PETER SANDER, of No. 13,	By Rep. Porter, of No. 15
WM. H. HILL, of No. 87,	By Rep. Whitney, of No. 87
C. W. DANNALS, of No. 87,	By Rep. McLaren, of No. 155

FOR R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

T. RODGERS JOHNSON, of No. 3,	By Rep. Thomas, of No. 94.
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FOR R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

H. B. BROOKS, of No. 3	By Rep. Fox, of No. 109.
W. ASPINALL, of No. 43,	By Rep. O'Brien, of No. 43.

FOR R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO G. L. U. S.

NATHAN PORTER, of No. 15,	By Rep. Hill, of No. 87.
H. J. TILDEN, of No. 124,	By Rep. Hoeber, of No. 112.
M. M. ESTEE, of No. 123,	By Rep. Kingsley, of No. 23.
R. R. MERRILL, of No. 5,	By Rep. Leaman, of No. 5.
J. B. JOHNSON, of No. 17,	By Rep. Bradford, of No. 39.
F. A. HORNBLLOWER, of No. 20,	By Rep. Tilden, of No. 124.
D. McLAREN, of No. 155,	By Rep. Korn, of No. 105.
B. W. BARNES, of No. 80,	By Rep. McLaren, of No. 155.
J. F. MORSE, of No. 1,	By Rep. Bohen, of No. 155.

FOR TRUSTEES.

W. A. ELIASON, of No. 5,	By Rep. Apgar, of No. 78.
PHILO WHITE, of No. 3,	By Rep. Scofield, of No. 109.
J. A. McCLELLAND, of No. 3,	By Rep. Bohen, of No. 155.
EDGAR BRIGGS, of No. 71,	By Rep. W. F. Noreross, of No. 123.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as Tellers C. S. Bartow, of No. 1, Sandwich Islands, and J. S. Drummond, of No. 1, Vancouver Island.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved that J. B. Harmon, of No. 123, be elected M. W. Grand Master by acclamation.

Carried, and he was declared duly elected M. W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

C. W. DANNALS,	received 153 votes.
W. H. HILL,	“ 154 “
Blank	“ 4 “
Total,	311

There being no choice, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a second ballot, whereupon C. W. Dannals having received a majority, was, on motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, declared unanimously elected.

Rep. Gordon, of No. 61, moved that the nomination for R. W. Grand Warden be reopened. Carried.

Rep. W. K. Benjamin, of No. 12, was nominated by Rep. Gordon, of No. 61.

Nominations closed.

Balloting for R. W. Grand Warden:

A. C. BRADFORD, of No. 39	received	57	votes.
L. E. PRATT, of No. 17	"	90	"
P. SANDER, of No. 15	"	37	"
W. H. HILL, of No. 87	"	145	"
W. K. BENJAMIN, of No. 112	"	6	"
Blank	"	1	"
Total		336	

There being no election, the Grand Lodge proceeded to another ballot, pending which Reps. Sander and Benjamin withdrew their names as candidates.

SECOND BALLOT

W. H. Hill, of No. 87, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was, on motion of Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, declared unanimously elected.

Grand Secretary, T. Rodgers Johnson, of No. 3, was, on motion of Rep. Fox, of No. 109, elected R. W. Grand Secretary by acclamation.

Rep. Aspinall, of No. 43, withdrew his name as a candidate for Grand Treasurer.

Grand Treasurer, H. B. Brooks, of No. 3, was, on motion of Rep. Bartlett, of No. 155, elected R. W. Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

Rep. Dannals, from Committee on Degree of Rebekah, asked and obtained leave to present the following report, and moved it lay on the table, which motion was carried:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Your Committee, to whom were referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's Report relating to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That this R. W. Grand Lodge should exercise the authority and power that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has conferred in regard to the institution of such Lodges, and your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the R. W. Grand Secretary be, and are hereby appointed a Committee with authority to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah throughout this jurisdiction, and that such Lodges shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges prescribed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to authorize, by written commission, any Past Grand in good standing to institute such Lodges in a particular District.

Resolved, That the By-Laws and Rules of Order that may be enacted by a Rebekah Degree Lodge be subject to the approval of the Committee.

Resolved, That such Lodges be under the charge and control of the Committee.

Resolved, That the actions and decisions of the Committee be subject to the confirmation of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that the Committee make an annual report thereto of all their actions and decisions.

Resolved, That the terms be the same as in Subordinate Lodges, and that all terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

Resolved, That the officers shall serve a regular term; and the Lodge may elect a Financial Secretary for the same time, or one year, to take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members.

Resolved, That nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Resolved, That officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties at the first regular meeting in the new term after the Lodge has acted upon the report of the retiring officers.

Resolved, That vacancies in an elective office may be filled by the Lodge by nomination and election at the next regular meeting after nominating; and until so filled the Noble Grand shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

Resolved, That any officer absenting himself or herself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next regular meeting, after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

Resolved, That the officers for the term about expiring shall prepare and deliver or transmit to the R. W. Grand Secretary, the result of the elections

and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of the brothers admitted, the names of the sisters admitted, the names of the brothers dropped from the roll, the names of the sisters dropped from the roll, the names of the sisters deceased, the names and the number of those upon whom the Degree is conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the amount of disbursements.

Resolved, That in addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in July, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge a full return of the members of the Lodge, and a statement of the number of brothers and sisters relieved in the past year, the amount of benefits granted, the number of widows relieved, the number of orphans relieved, the number of members buried, the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, the amount of money in the treasury, and the amount of investments.

C. W. DANNALS,
DAVIS LOUDERBACK,
LOUIS LOTHHAMMER.

Rep. McLaren, from the Committee on the State of the Order, asked and obtained leave to submit the annexed report, and moved to lay it on the table. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution, submitted by Rep. E. W. Roberts, to wit:

Resolved, That abstract questions upon hypothetical propositions, when propounded by a member or a Lodge, without a case in fact, shall not be answered in an official manner by the M. W. Grand Master, or any of his District Deputies. All such questions shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session, and shall be referred to an appropriate Committee, under the rule.

E. W. ROBERTS, of No. 12.

Respectfully report the same back, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McLAREN,
DAVIS LOUDERBACK,
LEWIS KORN,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT.

Rep. Luce, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following reports, and moved that they lay on the table. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, respectfully report that they have ex-

amined the same, and find the accounts correct in every particular, and the books of these officers kept in a careful and creditable manner.

GEORGE T. BOHEN,
DAVID MEEKER,
HERMAN SCHULTZ,
ISRAEL LUCE,
N. WYCKOFF.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill of C. S. Haswell, M. W. Grand Master, for the sum of \$562, for traveling expenses and stationery during his term, report the amount correct, and recommend the payment of the same.

GEORGE T. BOHEN,
DAVID MEEKER,
HERMAN SCHULTZ,
ISRAEL LUCE,
N. WYCKOFF.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Hill, regarding the compensation of Brother Norman for compiling Digest to Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, from 1865 to 1868, after full consideration of the matter, find that the work comprises 126 pages of printed matter, and that the time necessarily occupied in compiling this work was over three months, and the compensation of \$100, paid to Brother Norman, is inadequate for the work performed.

We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That an additional sum of \$300 be paid out of the treasury to Brother Norman, for compiling Digest to Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, from 1865 to 1868.

GEO. T. BOHEN,
DAVID MEEKER,
HERMAN SCHULTZ,
ISRAEL LUCE,
N. WYCKOFF.

Rep. McKune, from the Legislative Committee, presented the following report, which, on motion, was ordered to lay on the table:

Resolved, That Secs. 1 and 6, Art. IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and Sec. 2, Art. V. of the Constitution of Subordinates be referred to the Legislative Committee, to report such action as it may deem necessary, relative to granting dispensations by the Grand Master, and D. D. Grand Master.

WASHINGTON BARTLETT,
Parker Lodge, No. 124.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California.*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Bartlett, of No. 124, relative to granting Dispensation, beg leave to report that as the Constitution now stands, it is not always easy to ascertain in what cases a Dispensation may be granted, and for the purpose of making the power specific, we recommend the passage of the following:

It is hereby enacted that Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be, and it is hereby amended, by striking out the words, "on application of a Lodge, to confer the degrees on a member without delay," and inserting instead thereof, "in the following cases, and no other:"

- 1st. To confer degrees on a member without delay.
- 2d. To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia.
- 3d. To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.
- 4th. To allow Lodges to admit to membership, persons who reside nearer to some other Lodge.
- 5th. To authorize the installation of officers in public.
- 6th. To give public entertainments for the benefit of the Order.
- 7th. To authorize the balloting for and initiation of a candidate at the time his proposition is presented to a Lodge.
- 8th. To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.
- 9th. To allow a brother to be reinstated after expulsion.
- 10th. To institute Lodges, and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

We also recommend that so much of Section 2, Article V, of the Constitution of Subordinates, as provides that the Grand Master, or D. D. Grand Master, may by dispensation authorize a Degree Lodge, or officer authorized to confer degrees, located in another District to confer the same, be repealed

J. H. MCKUNE,
LEON D. FREER,
E. W. ROBERTS,
JAMES O. WANZER,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. Porter, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report and moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your committee hereby report that they have received, examined and approved, proposed and amended By-Laws of many Lodges under this juris-

diction since the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that nothing relating thereto is of sufficient importance to require further report.

NATHAN PORTER,
JOHN A. RICHTER,
WM. H. FOX,
JAS. B. JOHNSON.

Rep. Barnes, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, and moved it lay on the table. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the petitions and accompanying papers of the following Lodges, which have been instituted under dispensations from the M. W. Grand Master. They are in proper form and in keeping with the requirements of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and we recommend that charters be granted, as follows:

University - Lodge, No. 144	.....	at Oakland.
Hermann " 145 (German)	.....	at San Francisco.
San Bernardino " 146	.....	at San Bernardino.
San Lorenzo " 147	.....	at Santa Cruz.
Willey " 149	.....	at Tuolumne City.
Friendship " 150	.....	at Guenoc, Lake County.
San Joaquin " 151	.....	at Antioch.
Salinas " 152	.....	at Castroville.
San Diego " 153	.....	at San Diego.
Gilroy " 154	.....	at Gilroy.
Pacific " 155	.....	at San Francisco.
Santa Barbara " 156	.....	at Santa Barbara.
Independence " 158	.....	at Railroad Flat.
San Benito " 159	.....	at South San Juan.

The applications of Havilah Lodge, No. 148, to be located at Havilah, Kern County, and Industrial Lodge, No. 157, to be located at Sacramento, are in form, except that they are not accompanied by the certificates of Past Grands (required by our laws,) as to the security and proper location of the rooms in which said Lodges are to hold their sessions. We recommend that charters be issued to the Lodges named as soon as they shall have complied with this requirement, by forwarding certificates to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Your committee further recommend that charters be granted to Alameda Degree Lodge, No. 5, at Oakland, and Teutonia Degree Lodge, No. 4, at San Francisco, although in the case of the latter no petition for such Degree Lodge accompanies the papers, but a regularly attested certificate of the institution of such Lodge is in the hands of your committee.

Your committee further recommend that the petition from Meadow Lake Lodge, No. 125, asking to be allowed to retain the regalia now in use by that Lodge, and which is the property of this Grand Lodge, be granted.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

B. W. BARNES,
D. E. GORDON,
A. W. OAKLEY.

Rep. Morse, of No. 1, withdrew his name as a candidate for Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge U. S.

Rep. McLaren, of No. 155, also withdrew his name as a candidate for Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge U. S.

On motion the time of recess was extended half an hour.

Fifteen minutes after 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge took a recess until 1½ o'clock.



AFTERNOON SESSION—1½ o'clock.

Resumed business pending at the time of adjournment, being the election of Representative to the Grand Lodge of U. S.

NATHAN PORTER, of No. 15.....	received 77 votes.
H. J. TILDEN, of No. 124.....	“ 76 “
M. M. ESTEE, of No. 123.....	“ 18 “
R. R. MERRILL, of No. 45.....	“ 13 “
J. B. JOHNSON, of No. 17.....	“ 11 “
B. W. BARNES, of No. 80.....	“ 30 “
F. A. HORNBLOWER, of No. 20.....	“ 6 “
BLANK.....	“ 5 “

Total.....236 votes.

There being no election, Representatives Estee, Johnson, Merrill, Barnes and Hornblower withdrew their names from the list of candidates. The Grand Lodge proceeded to a second ballot, whereupon H. J. Tilden, of No. 124, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was, on motion of Rep. Porter, of No. 15, declared unanimsly elected R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the U. S. for the ensuing two years.

Rep. Eliason, of No. 5, withdrew his name from the list of nominees for Trustee.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved that Philo White, of No. 3, J. A. McClelland, of No. 3, and Edgar Briggs, of No. 71, be declared elected by acclamation, and it was so done.

Rep. Bohem, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

We the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the claim of George H. Baker on this Grand Lodge at its last session, respectfully report:

That we have had the same under consideration, and from the best evidence that we could get, we are satisfied that, as a matter of equity, this Grand Lodge is indebted to said Baker to the amount of sixty dollars, and recommend that the same be paid.

GEO. T. BOHEN,
DAVID MEEKER,
HERMAN SCHULTZ,
ISRAEL LUCE,
N. WYCKOFF.

Rep. Harmon, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following majority and minority reports in the case of Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, Respondent, vs. J. C. Collins, Appellant, which were laid on the table, under the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

YERBA BUENA LODGE, No. 15, *Respondent*, }
vs. }
JOSEPH C. COLLINS, *Appellant*. }

At an election held in April, 1868, in Yerba Buena Lodge, for representatives to the Grand Lodge, brother Collins was one of the tellers. Thirty-four Past Grands were in nomination, and six to be elected. Printed ballots, with the names of the Past Grands thereon, were used. There were two columns of names. The first three names on the left column were Alexander, Bartlett, and Bohen; and the last name at the bottom of the right column was Zeigler. Midway down the first column was the name of Hicks, and in the second column the names of Morrill and Richardson. All of these brothers, except Bartlett, were elected.

Brother Collins, as teller, read the names from the ballots, while the Recording Secretary kept tally; and it is charged that brother Collins fraudulently read the name of brother Bohen twenty-four times oftener than it appeared uncrased, and thus secured his election.

The usual committee was appointed and the brother tried. After a most protracted examination of the facts, extending over a period of nine months, three of the committee found him guilty and two not guilty.

The Lodge adopted the majority report and expelled him, and he appeals.

Although the record contains several hundred pages, the essential facts are few. The prosecution relied on three things.

1st. Brother Collins, in reading out the names from the ballots, did not read them alphabetically, as they were printed, but read them irregularly; sometimes beginning with one name, sometimes with another, skipping about as his fancy dictated, and frequently ending his call with the name of Bohen. This conduct attracted attention at the time.

2d. Upon counting the votes as read, brother Bohen had ninety-six out of 159 votes cast. The ballots were dropped into a small, open basket, which, thereafter, during the evening, remained either on the pedestal between the N. G.'s chair and the Permanent Secretary's desk, or on the railing of the latter, or on the floor near by. The evidence as to its exact locality is conflicting. The N. G. thinks it was placed upon the railing; several brothers say it was on the pedestal; and one says it was found on the floor when the four brothers returned to the room as will be presently noticed.

After the Lodge closed, several brothers, and among them the N. G., staid in the room for about ten minutes, perhaps a little less. After their departure and before the Guardian put out the lights, a few minutes more—say five—elapsed. Two brothers returned to look for a hat, and say that the lights were not then out, and that no one was in the room.

Subsequently still—how long is not certain, but probably five minutes—four brothers, some, if not all of whom, were suspicious that brother Collins had acted fraudulently, and who had got down to the sidewalk on Montgomery street, at the suggestion of one, brother Laws, returned to the room, lit up the gas, found the basket with tickets, either on the pedestal or on the floor; one of them put the tickets in his overcoat pocket; they left the hall; three of them crossed over Montgomery street to a restaurant, obtained a room and coffee, locked the door and counted the tickets twice.

The result was 159 ballots, on fifty-nine of which the name of brother Bohen appeared un erased—thus giving him fifty-nine instead of ninety-six votes, as read out by brother Collins.

The ballots were then sealed up in a package, which was preserved by one of the three brothers, in his private drawer, until opened on the trial of the case.

The evidence as to what was done with the ballots after they were taken from the room as stated, is the testimony of these brothers.

3d. The prosecution introduced eighty-seven brothers, who testified that they voted at the election in question, and did not vote for Brother Bohen; rendering it impossible, as is contended, for him to have received ninety-six votes, as only 159 were cast.

The defendant introduced six brothers, of whom three, Past Grands, Langley, Hicks and Morrill testified, after an inspection of the ballots so sealed up, that they voted at the election, and that their ballots *were not in the package*. Brother Langley says he erased all names but two; that they were brothers absent from the city whom he knew could not be present at the Grand Lodge; that he did this because of the bad feeling which had sprung up in the Lodge, and therefore knew he could identify his ballot.

Two questions arise.

1st. Is it competent for a Lodge to act upon majority and minority reports in such cases, or must there be a *verdict*, in the legal sense of the term—that is, must the Committee all agree?

This question is not free from difficulty. The Constitution of Subordinates (Art. VII, Sec. 4,) relative to the duties of the Trial Committee, says: "They shall keep full minutes of the evidence, and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge, with their verdict. * * * If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict, and affix the penalty."

This is almost the language of the law books. The jury render their verdict, and the Court pronounces judgment thereon. But there can be no verdict unless the jury are unanimous, except where the statute, as in the State of Nevada, permits three-fourths of the jury to render the verdict.

Hence, if this clause in the Constitution of Subordinates were submitted to a Court for decision upon its language alone, doubtless it would be held that the Committee must agree, or that there could be no verdict.

We think, however, the construction of the clause must be determined, not only by the language, but by the practice under it. The precise point has never been directly adjudicated by this Lodge. Still it has been virtually passed upon in two cases where majority and minority reports have been presented to the Lodge below.

In Bay City Lodge, No. 71, vs. A. B. Ephraim, (Journal, Vol. 2, page 154,) the brother was tried on charges of fraud. The majority of the Committee found him guilty; the minority not guilty. The Lodge adopted the majority report and expelled the brother, and this Grand Lodge affirmed the judgment.

In Mariposa Lodge, No. 39, vs. A. F. Washburn, (Journal, Vol. 2, page 35,) while it is held that the whole Committee must be present on the trial, yet the reasoning of the opinion shows that a majority report is sufficient. It is said that if only a part of the Committee need be present at the trial, a brother might be convicted and expelled upon a report signed by only *two* members of the Committee; because if less than the whole can act, then a majority can act—that is, three would constitute a legal Committee; and a majority of that number, to wit, *two*, could make a report upon which a brother might be expelled.

This practical construction of the Constitution may be better than the more strictly legal one. Under it, these trial committees are merely advisory to the Lodge; the means by which the Lodge procures evidence and informs itself of the merits of the case. To require a unanimous verdict would lead to mis-trials, and tempt the accused to tamper with a single member of the committee, and thus thwart all efforts to bring him to justice. Our first impression was the other way; but a careful review has convinced us that the practice which has prevailed of receiving majority and minority reports on the trial of charges, and adopting the one or the other, as the Lodge deems best, ought not to be disturbed.

2d. Ought the decision of the Lodge on the facts to stand?

We think not. We are aware that it has been held by this Lodge that it will not interfere with the decisions of the Subordinate Lodge upon facts, except in cases of gross abuse or manifest injustice. This, however, is only a general rule; and there is no greater safeguard to the rights and interests of Lodges and members of the Order than the calm revision, by this Grand Lodge, of the action of Subordinates in the trial of charges. Infirmities of temper and personal rivalries frequently creep into these trials, and can be nowhere rooted out unless here. This body, being composed of brothers from all parts of the jurisdiction, can rise above mere local disturbances, and generally adjust disputes satisfactorily to all parties, or at least pronounce a judgment which commands respect.

This case calls for our interference; and yet we do not say, upon the evidence, that it is clear the brother was wrongfully convicted. The record leaves upon our minds a strong impression of wrong committed at the election in question; but the *uncertainty* which hangs around the matter is so great, and the *character of the evidence* introduced is so peculiar, that it would be dangerous to permit the verdict to stand.

We do not agree with counsel for appellant, that the penalty was excessive, if the guilt were clear. If brother Collins intentionally mis-read the ballots, as charged, he ought to be expelled; if done ignorantly, the ignorance was too great; if a joke on his part, it was too big a joke. He either wilfully mis-read the ballots, or he read them substantially right.

But the trouble is here. We have no law for contesting elections; no means provided for *preserving the ballots*, and for a re-count upon application of any member of the Lodge. We all know how little attention is paid to the ballots after they are read out. The election is conducted openly. By-Laws usually provide that "the ballot-box shall be placed upon the pedestal in front, and in full view of the N. G." Two tellers and the Warden stand in that position, receive, count, and announce the votes; and with these precautions, it has been supposed that fraud was almost impossible; at least, so unlikely to occur, that no further legislation was required.

It seems clear that where the law does not provide for the *preservation of the ballots* after they are read out, so as to secure them against change, it ought not to permit them to be picked up, carried off to another building, there re-counted, and finally to be made the basis of charges and expulsion. Such a law would be monstrous. No brother would be safe in acting as teller, and no Noble Grand safe from the suspicion of complicity.

This case is a strong illustration of the evil of such a practice. The friends of brother Collins naturally throw suspicion upon the alleged counting and preservation of the ballots. This is inevitable from the nature of the case, and the evidence by which it is prosecuted; and yet the brothers who believed a fraud had been committed, and sought to ferret it out by gathering up the ballots and recounting them, were only doing what they conceived to be a plain duty.

Again, these four brothers who went back to the room, differ as to where they found the basket. Three say it was on the pedestal; while the fourth says it was on the floor, and that it was there pointed out to him by one of the others.

No. Whenever the Lodge suffers the vote to be announced and the *ballots to pass from its control*, they should cease to be evidence. Ballots cast at elections for civil officers are never used as evidence afterwards, unless the law has provided some means for their preservation.

Formerly, in this State, Inspectors of Elections were required to destroy the ballots after they were counted, and the poll list and tallies made up. In 1863 the law was amended so as to require the Inspector to string the ballots on a cord or thread, and return them, with the poll list and tally paper, to the County Clerk, to be kept by him at least six months. "And it was further enacted that any person might appear before the Board of Commissioners on the day appointed for opening the returns, and demand a recount of the ballots, if he had any reason to believe that they had not been correctly counted by the officers of the election.

The Legislature could have no other design in thus providing for the *preservation of the ballots* than to make them evidence of their own contents, and a test of the correctness of the returns made up from them by the officers of the election." (People vs. Holden, 28 Cal. 131-2.)

The ballots thus preserved are the strongest kind of evidence; and when they differ from the poll list and tally paper, made up as the ballots are counted, and also preserved, they control the result.

So long as the laws of our Order provide no way of preserving the ballots, so long must they be deemed too dangerous evidence to convict of fraud.

Note the result in this case. The ballots are re-counted and found not to agree with the tally kept by the Secretary. How do the brothers who took them from the Lodge room know they were not changed? There were plenty of printed tickets, and it would have been the work of a moment only, to have taken a handful of tickets out of the basket and replace them with others with brother Bohen's name erased.

And in fact several brothers, of the most unimpeachable character, have testified positively that their ballots are not among those so taken from the room. If this be true, no force can be attached to this recount. These brothers are just as certain that their ballots are missing, as the eighty-seven brothers are that they did not vote for brother Bohen.

Whatever the truth may be, it is clear that the *uncertainty* is painful and therefore, that this kind of evidence, though perhaps admissible, is entitled to scarcely any weight.

The other evidence, to wit: that of the eighty-seven brothers who say they did not vote for brother Bohen, though, perhaps, not so objectionable, is unsatisfactory.

It is to be noticed that they do not say for whom they voted. By stating this, in addition to their statement that they did not vote for brother Bohen, a basis would have been afforded for determining with some certainty the facts relative to the ballots, and the reliability of their testimony.

Passing this, we regard such evidence as dangerous. It tends to violate one of the first principles of the Order—secrecy of ballot. A vote is sacred. A brother cannot be compelled to disclose it. When the brother, who casts a black ball upon a proposition for membership, reveals it, it is to the N. G. alone. The whole theory of the Order upon this subject is, that ballots are matters of conscience and secrecy with the brothers casting them.

Here, eighty-seven brothers are put on the stand to testify as to how they voted. True, they did not object; and their testimony is strictly admissible as the law now is, but it is very questionable whether the law is expedient. There ought to be some other way of proving fraud in elections. If the ballots were preserved, they would be the best evidence; but to call upon the brothers voting to testify how they voted at an election where the most bitter feelings had become aroused, is most dangerous.

The liability to mistake and to temptation, ought to overcome any supposed necessity for such evidence in this Order. In this case many of the brothers testify months after the election. There were two sets of tickets, the one printed by the Lodge; the other, an exact copy, printed by those opposed to the election of brother Bohen. On this last, his name was erased with a pencil, and the tickets were circulated freely around this city, in saloons and elsewhere, for several days prior to the election, and the most determined efforts were made to defeat him. On the night of the election these two sets of tickets were freely distributed among the brothers, the one by his friends, and the other by his opponents. It was openly said in the room, by at least one brother, that brother Bohen should never go to the Grand Lodge again. In short, this election for Representatives, instead of being conducted in that dignified manner which becomes our principles, degenerated into a mere partisan contest. It passed from that friendly rivalry, which indicates that the honors of the Order are valuable, and which tends to secure competent officers, into the domain of passion. With the causes of this state of feeling in this noble old Lodge, Yerba Buena, we have nothing to do in this case. But when this Grand Lodge is asked to affirm a judgment growing out of such a strife, and based upon the testimony of brothers given under the circumstances named, it is time to pause; and then solemnly to announce that this election, this trial, this whole contest, from beginning to end, in its temper and spirit, is inconsistent with the principles of Odd Fellowship.

The manner of reading the ballots does not strike us as much, if any, proof of fraud. The tickets were printed in two columns. There being thirty-four names, twenty-eight were to be erased; so that by reading the ballots, sometimes from top to bottom, sometimes from bottom to top, sometimes

across, great irregularity would appear, without fraud. And the ballots explain how it was that brother Bohen's name was several times read last; for on many ballots the two names preceding his—Alexander and Bartlett—are erased; and hence, if brother Collins read them from the bottom up, brother Bohen's name would come last.

In conclusion, we desire to say distinctly that we base our opinion upon the dangerous character of the evidence upon which the accused was found guilty, and upon the extraordinary character of the contest. We have not balanced the testimony of witness against witness, or fact against fact, because we think these ballots, unprotected by any law of the Order after they are counted, lying around in baskets or on the floor, frequently pocketed as matter of curiosity, cannot be relied on as evidence; and because the testimony of brothers as to how they voted, given in some instances months after the election, is nearly as unsafe. Judgment reversed.

J. B. HARMON,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
R. B. NORMAN,
CHAS. W. BOWMAN.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

YERBA BUENA LODGE, No. 15, *Respondent*,
us.
JOSEPH C. COLLINS, *Appellant*.

In this case there is a majority and a minority report of the committee. The first finds the brother guilty and the other not guilty.

The Lodge adopted the majority report.

The first ground upon which the defendant seeks a reversal of the judgment is that there is no verdict; that all the committee must agree in their report or the Lodge cannot pass judgment upon it.

We think otherwise, and the objection upon this ground cannot prevail. (*Ephraim vs. Bay City Lodge*, 2 *Cal.* 154).

The second ground upon which the defendant seeks a reversal of the judgment of the Lodge is that the verdict is not supported by the evidence.

The facts necessary to understand the case are as follows:

At an election, on the 23d of April, 1868, held by Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, for the election of Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of California, 159 ballots were cast. Out of those the defendant, acting as teller, read the name of brother Bohen ninety-six times, and brother Bohen was declared elected.

The prosecution, to sustain the charge of fraud against the defendant, in calling brother Bohen's name more times than he had received votes, introduced eighty-seven brothers who testify that they voted at said election, but did not vote for brother Bohen.

If the eighty-seven witnesses testify correctly, then the defendant read brother Bohen's name twenty-four times more than it appeared on the ballots.

There is no testimony introduced contradicting the evidence of these eighty-seven witnesses.

The prosecution also introduces 159 ballots, and prove that they were the ballots that were taken from a basket where the ballots that were cast at said

election had been placed after being read off by the defendant. That the lodge room where the tickets were was left alone (O. S. G. being at the outer door) for from five to ten minutes before they were taken from the basket by the witnesses.

The ballots introduced contained the name of brother Bohem fifty-seven times, with two others so erased that a mistake might occur, which two being given to him makes fifty-nine votes as received by brother Bohem.

The prosecution also proved that when the ballots were taken from the basket they were carried across the road to a restaurant by the brothers who had them, and canvassed, and found to contain brother Bohem's name fifty-nine times.

It was further proven that the defendant read the name of brother Bohem out of its order on the ballots. The names of the Past Grands being printed thereon in alphabetical order from A to Z, sometimes reaching his name last, and after reading the last name, Zeigler, and at other times, after reading those in the column in which his name appeared at the bottom, then returning and reading his, and so on varying the reading.

The defendant proved by three or four brothers that they voted at said election, and could tell the ballots they voted, and upon examining the package of 159 ballots, testified they were not there.

The Lodge passed upon this evidence, and found the defendant guilty, and expelled him.

The question for our determination is, are the facts sufficient to support the judgment?

We think they are.

This Grand Lodge has repeatedly held that when there is evidence to support a judgment, they will not interfere with the findings of fact by the Lodge.

To overturn this long established rule would put us all at sea again.

It would be trying the case *de novo*—passing upon the credibility of witnesses without seeing or knowing them—reducing the Lodges to the position of clerks of this Grand Lodge, whose only duty in the trial of cases would be to take the evidence and report it to this body.

While cases of conviction may arise where, if we were trying the brother, we would acquit him upon the facts, yet those cases must be so extremely rare, that we deem it better to leave the rule as it is, believing that less errors will occur by pursuing that course than there will if we assume to try them anew.

For this Grand Lodge to attempt to pass upon the credibility of witnesses they never saw or knew, and reverse the judgment of the Lodge below, when there is sufficient evidence to support it, and decide between witnesses whose testimony is conflicting, would lead to a hundred errors where one occurs now.

See *Ephraim vs. Bay City Lodge*, 2 Cal. 154, Vol. I, Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge Cal., 199, 200; *Id.* 216.

We recommend that the judgment be affirmed.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot agree with the other members of the Committee, but I cannot do so without doing violence to my honest convictions of the rights of Subordinate Lodges.

H. J. TILDEN.

Rep. Harmon from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:*

ABOU BEN ADHEM LODGE, No. 112, Respondent, }
vs. }
J. W. MAYHEW, Appellant. }

Bro. Mayhew was charged with fraudulently gaining membership in the Lodge by assuming an *alias* name, thereby misleading the Investigating Committee and members from learning his reputation and character.

The brother was found guilty and sentenced to suspension for three years. He appeals.

We think this is a case where the action of the Lodge should not be disturbed. Judgment affirmed.

J. B. HARMON,
R. B. NORMAN,
CHAS. W. BOWMAN,
J. W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fox, from the Committee on Re-numbering Districts, presented the following, which was laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-NUMBERING DISTRICTS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of revision and renumbering of the Districts in this jurisdiction, recommend the adoption of the following:

The several Districts of this jurisdiction shall be comprised and numbered as follows:

- District No. 1. Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 15, 17, 29, 131; Degree Lodge, No. 2.
- District No. 2. Lodges Nos. 13, 116, 122, 145; Degree Lodge No. 4, and such new Lodges and Degree Lodges as may be established in the City and County of San Francisco to work in German.
- District No. 3. Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 8, 62, 87, 111, 157; Degree Lodge No. 3, and such new Lodges and Degree Lodges as may be established in Sacramento and Yolo counties, to work in English.
- District No. 4. Lodges Nos. 7, 107.
- District No. 5. Lodges Nos. 5 and 45.
- District No. 6. Lodge No. 125.
- District No. 7. Lodges Nos. 6, 11, 98, 102 and 134—and Degree Lodge No. 1.
- District No. 8. Lodges Nos. 10, 21, 58, 82, and 97.
- District No. 9. Lodges Nos. 12, 16, 26 and 67.
- District No. 10. Lodges Nos. 130 and 150.
- District No. 11. Lodges Nos. 48 and 126.
- District No. 12. Lodges Nos. 9, 20, 27, 37, 56, 63 and 89.

- District No. 13. Lodges Nos. 14, 38, 40, 55, 73, 108 and 120.
 District No. 14. Lodges Nos. 18 and 28.
 District No. 15. Lodges Nos. 22, 43, 78 and 83.
 District No. 16. Lodges Nos. 47, 59, 92 and 113.
 District No. 17. Lodges Nos. 49, 80, 91 and 127.
 District No. 18. Lodges Nos. 24, 32 and 54.
 District No. 19. Lodges Nos. 25, 31, 36, 51 and 79.
 District No. 20. Lodges Nos. 34, 52, 142 and 154.
 District No. 21. Lodges No. 39, 99, 104 and 110.
 District No. 22. Lodges Nos. 57, 75 and 141.
 District No. 23. Lodges Nos. 33, 68, 86 and 106.
 District No. 24. Lodges Nos. 65, 121 and 149.
 District No. 25. Lodges Nos. 30, 53 and 64.
 District No. 26. Lodges Nos. 19, 70 and 115.
 District No. 27. Lodge Nos. 41.
 District No. 28. Lodge Nos. 76.
 District No. 29. Lodges Nos. 77 and 85.
 District No. 30. Lodges Nos. 35 and 138.
 District No. 31. Lodges Nos. 61 and 84.
 District No. 32. Lodge Nos. 74.
 District No. 33. Lodges Nos. 90, 96, 137 and 147.
 District No. 34. Lodges Nos. 44, 50, 66, and 158.
 District No. 35. Lodge No. 133.
 District No. 36. Lodges Nos. 93, 114, 118, 129, 144, and Degree Lodge No. 5.
 District No. 37. Lodge No. 94.
 District No. 38. Lodge No. 101.
 District No. 39. Lodges Nos. 46, 81, 132, and 139.
 District No. 40. Lodge No. 100.
 District No. 41. Lodges Nos. 88, and 136.
 District No. 42. Lodge No. 105.
 District No. 43. Lodge No. 140.
 District No. 44. Lodges Nos. 109 and 143.
 District No. 45. Lodges 152 and 159.
 District No. 46. Lodge No. 1, of Victoria.
 District No. 47. Lodge No. 1, of Honolulu.
 District No. 48. Lodge No. 119.
 District No. 49. Lodges Nos. 117, 128, 151.
 District No. 50. Lodge No. 135.
 District No. 51. Lodge No. 146.
 District No. 52. Lodge No. 148.
 District No. 53. Lodge No. 153.
 District No. 54. Lodge No. 156.
 District No. 55. Lodges Nos. 71, 112, 123, 124, and 155.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. N. FOX,
 CHAS. L. THOMAS,
 JOHN WEIL.

Rep. Freer, from the Legislative Committee, presented the following report, which on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of our Grand Representatives' Report as relates to Non-Affiliates, believing that the adoption of the resolution of P. G. Sire Veitch (page 4,320, Proceedings G. L. U. S. for 1868,) would work great hardships upon the Order of I. O. O. F. in this jurisdiction, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the next Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to remonstrate against the adoption of the same.

LEON D. FREER,
J. H. McKUNE,
E. W. ROBERTS,
JAMES O. WANZIER,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. Dann, from special Committee on the decease of R. W. Deputy Grand Master, S. W. Brockway, and other Past Grands, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted, the Grand Lodge rising:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Report of our M. W. Grand Master as relates to the death of our late brother, D. Grand Master Silas W. Brockway, beg leave to report:

That, silent and uncovered, we bow before the altar of Odd Fellowship, and with afflicted hearts, we can only exclaim: "Thy will, not ours, O Lord, be done."

Brother Brockway was in the prime of his manhood, distinguished as a useful citizen, an able jurist, and one of the most zealous and eloquent among the great lights of our Order. As a man, he was warm-hearted and genial; as a friend, true and faithful; as a Judge, able, honest, bold and independent; and as an Odd Fellow, devoted to the success of the glorious principles of our Order, he had few superiors. The future of such a man, had the mysterious decrees of the Almighty prolonged his days, can well be imagined.

In his life we trusted and honored him; and as his voice is now silent, we not only mourn his loss, but tender this as a tribute of affectionate regard to his memory.

Resolved, That as in the hands of the Father of our spirits are the issues of life and death, in the death of the various other Past Grands—worthy members of our Order, who during the last year have departed this life—we recognize His hand who does not willingly afflict, and bow in humble submission to these afflictive dispensations of His Providence.

We think otherwise. This Lodge has decided that the provisions of Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinates, are imperative; and that the Lodge has no right to defer the notice of a brother's arrearages, and the announcement thereof in open Lodge, in accordance therewith, after he has been notified of the state of his account for one month; and, after the fact that he is in arrears for twelve months has been announced in open Lodge, at two meetings, and the last meeting has expired, the brother ceases membership, by force of the Constitution.—(G. L. Journal, vol. 2, p. 180, 196.)

We have, *however*, no doubt that, where charges are preferred before membership has thus ceased, the Lodge may postpone reading the brother out under Section 1, of Article VII, of the Constitution, until the trial is completed. This Section is no more binding than Sections 3 and 4 of the same Article, which require that an accused brother shall be tried without unnecessary delay. Section 1 assumes that the brother is free of charges.

And we add that the Lodge ought, as a general rule, to defer reading a brother out during the pendency of charges.

In this case, this course was not adopted. The Lodge took the regular steps, and declared the brother's membership ceased. This it had the power to do. Appeal dismissed.

J. B. HARMON,

H. J. TILDEN.

T. R. KIBBE,

Rep. Estee, of No. 123, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to strike out the fifth paragraph.

Rep. Hill moved to suspend the regular order of business set for three o'clock until the consideration of the subject before the Grand Lodge was completed. Carried.

Rep. Dann, of No. 15, moved to strike out the fifth paragraph, and also the word "however" in the first line of the sixth paragraph. Carried.

And the report as amended was adopted.

The special order, being the location of the next session, of this R. W. Grand Lodge was then taken up.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to adopt the resolution; *provided*, that the brethren of Sacramento shall have their new hall erected to accommodate the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue his proclamation on the 1st day of April next where the next session of the Grand Lodge will be held. Carried.

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 124, presented the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Legislative Committee. Carried.

Resolved, That Sec. 1, of Art. VII, of the Constitution of Subordinates be amended by adding thereto the following words: "*And provided further*, that no person shall cease to be a member under this section whilst charges are pending against him.

The following resolution, submitted by Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That when this R. W. Grand Lodge adjourns this day it adjourn *sine die*.

Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, moved to take up the report of the Legislative Committee, on page 74, printed proceedings, and adopt the report. Carried.

Rep. Hill of No. 87, moved to adopt the report on page 74, in relation to aprons. Carried.

Rep. Hill, of 87, moved to take up the report of Committee on Legislation, on page, 76, printed proceedings, relating to changing the time of meeting to second Tuesday in May, and moved to adopt the report. Carried.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, moved to take up and adopt the report of same Committee, on page 77, on the Amendment to Constitution of Subordinates, submitted by Reps. Louderback of No. 15, and Luce of No. 4. Carried.

On motion of Grand Treasurer Brooks, the report of Special Committee in relation to the safe for the office of the Grand Secretary, was taken up, and on motion of Rep. Hill, of 87, the subject matter was referred to the Standing Committee of this R. W. Grand Lodge, with power to act.

On motion of Rep. Luce, of No. 4, the amendment (page 80), to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, as presented by Rep. Dibble, of No. 52, was taken up, the same being read, Rep. Luce moved to adopt.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to amend by inserting after the word "Charter," or "Dispensation."

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, moved it be referred to the Legislative Committee, which motion was adopted, and the proposed amendment was so referred.

The resolution as submitted by Rep. Wartenberg, of No. 35, (page 80) limiting time of debate, was, on motion of Rep. Korn, of No. 105, considered. Rep. Korn moved to adopt the resolution.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, moved to amend by adding, "except in matters of reports of committees." Motion lost, and the resolution as offered was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on page 83, was taken up for action.

Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, moved to adopt the report.

Rep. Roberts of No. 12, moved that the subjects be acted upon *seriatim*. Carried.

Rep. Kendall, of No. 2, moved to amend the answer to the first question, by striking out "Yes," and insert "No."

Rep. Porter, of No. 15, moved as a substitute, to strike out all after the word "Yes," and insert the following: "Although it is not improper for a Lodge opened in the higher degrees to decide the same question." Substitute lost.

Motion recurring on the amendment of Rep. Kendall it was lost and the answer as reported by the Committee was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, the second answer was adopted.

The third answer was on motion of Rep. Hickox, of 32, adopted.

Rep. Tilden, of 124, moved that the fourth answer be adopted.

Carried.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved that when this R. W. Grand Lodge adjourns this day, it stands adjourned until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

Carried.

The R. W. Grand Secretary was, on motion of Rep. Porter, of No. 15, instructed to notify the R. W. Grand Encampment of the change of the time of the meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Burton, from Committee on Mileage, submitted the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, was ordered to lay on the table and be taken up for action immediately after the reading of the minutes of to-morrow:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee on Mileage would beg leave to report that we have examined the amounts that have been handed to us as the amount of the actual traveling expenses of those Representatives who have been selected by their respective Lodges to receive the same, and submit the following exhibit as the result of our examination, and recommend that the sums therein specified be allowed to each Representative therein named.

The aggregate amount thus allowed is \$3,396 00. And we further recommend that an assessment of 25 cents for each member of the Lodges on December 31st, 1869, be levied, for the Representative Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. O. BURTON,
BARLOW DYER,
ROBERT IRWIN,
J. M. COX,
JOHN A. WHALEY.

No. Lodge	Name.	Amount.	No. Lodge.	Name.	Amount.
2.	Thos. J. McKim.....	\$ 5 50	35.	H. Wartenberg.....	46 00
4.	W. C. Felch.....	4 50	36.	A. S. Kelley.....	22 00
5.	V. L. Earnsheild.....	13 00	37.	T. B. Patten.....	20 00
6.	A. Thorndike.....	5 50	38.	Louis Solomon.....	18 50
7.	Chas. Hellwig.....	11 00	39.	J. F. Harris.....	30 50
8.	T. C. Benteen.....	6 00	40.	John Vail.....	18 50
9.	E. Willow.....	13 50	41.	W. A. Hamilton.....	
10.	W. L. Sears.....	25 50	43.	G. A. Poore.....	2 00
11.	J. E. G. Bigger.....	5 50	44.	W. G. Depew.....	16 00
12.	E. W. Roberts.....	21 00	45.	L. S. Welsh.....	13 00
14.	Joseph Taylor.....	24 00	46.	Milton Combs.....	18 75
16.	E. F. Spence.....	21 00	47.	L. D. Freer.....	25 00
18.	W. R. Brown.....		48.	H. Atwater.....	30 00
19.	F. G. Hearn.....	96 00	49.	John J. Jacobs.....	60 00
20.	J. M. Anderson.....	15 50	50.	G. E. Sloss.....	17 00
21.	Edmund Parsons.....	24 50	51.	O. N. Morse.....	19 50
22.	C. F. Pousland.....		52.	J. H. Dibble.....	2 50
24.	L. Byington.....	42 00	53.	A. Bish.....	8 00
25.	J. W. Whitney.....	21 00	54.	H. S. Johnson.....	44 00
26.	George Flint.....	16 50	55.	Jos. Blackburn.....	18 50
27.	Michael Shields.....	21 50	56.	M. N. Remick.....	23 50
28.	Wm. Hudson.....	6 00	57.	G. R. Knox.....	54 00
30.	J. A. Wiswell.....	2 00	58.	E. Murdock.....	24 00
31.	James A. Brown.....	19 00	59.	D. Eisenhart.....	25 00
32.	Thos. B. Johnson.....	44 00	61.	W. H. Batchelder.....	77 00
33.	Thos. C. Harvey.....	27 00	62.	J. W. Stamper.....	7 00
34.	Dick Gerdes.....	2 50	63.	A. C. Hitchcock.....	13 00

No. Lodge.	Name.	Amount.	No. Lodge.	Name.	Amount.
64.			111.	C. S. Frost.....	8 25
65.			113.	H. Hallett.....	
66.	D. B. McDonald.....	12 50	114.	O. P. Moulton.....	5 50
67.	C. W. Dannals.....	25 00	115.	H. J. Diggles.....	95 00
68.	T. J. Matteson.....	27 00	117.	R. G. Davis.....	2 00
70.	E. V. Brown.....	96 00	119.	E. D. Black.....	85 50
73.	J. Q. Ackerman.....	20 00	120.	Wm. Smith.....	26 50
74.	J. Degolman.....	15 50	121.	L. P. Wilson.....	23 00
75.	F. W. Wheeler.....	60 00	125.	R. W. Neagle.....	33 00
76.	C. W. Fickert.....	40 00	126.	L. Van Duseen.....	32 50
77.	Chas. Jackson.....	50 00	127.	D. A. McFarland.....	55 00
78.	W. G. Davisson.....	1 00	128.	J. H. Williams.....	3 50
79.	S. F. Ostram.....	18 50	129.	G. E. Smith.....	
80.	B. W. Barnes.....	60 00	130.	Jas. W. Everett.....	25 00
81.	Isaac T. Claffin.....	16 00	132.	P. McMahon.....	12 00
82.	S. Pitman.....	22 00	133.	M. Stinchfield.....	25 00
83.	R. Long.....	5 00	134.	P. B. Wagner.....	
84.	J. C. Dorr.....	78 00	135.	G. N. Spalding.....	84 00
85.	J. A. Whaley.....	50 00	136.	Samuel S. Grass.....	60 00
86.	Fred Reese.....	23 00	137.	D. J. Cumming.....	
87.	A. D. Whitney.....	6 50	139.	N. A. Beeves.....	19 00
88.	Amos O. Davis.....	58 00	140.	H. K. Turner.....	30 50
89.	S. J. Titus.....	22 00	141.	John Ellis.....	48 00
90.	L. D. Holbrook.....	9 00	143.	S. W. Sommedecker.....	4 00
91.	J. S. Davis.....	60 00	146.	John M. Foy.....	60 00
92.	L. Goodday.....		147.	A. T. Taylor.....	12 00
93.	Wm. Hays.....	2 50	148.	Elias Cohn.....	90 00
94.	C. L. Thomas.....	54 00	149.	M. Walden.....	11 50
96.	R. S. Robbins.....	12 00	150.	Wm. Farmer.....	22 00
97.	A. G. Meekin.....	34 00	151.	Wm. Girven.....	
98.	John Levinsky.....	10 50	152.	Geo. Pace.....	13 00
99.	Geo. Chittenden.....	25 00	154.	A. A. Wilson.....	4 00
100.	A. W. Oakley.....	8 50	157.	Thos. P. Ford.....	3 50
101.	A. Walters.....	100 00	158.	Edwin Taylor.....	16 00
102.	Stephen Barnard.....	8 50	159.	T. M. Davis.....	13 00
105.	P. Hollfelder.....	4 00		I. S. I. C. S. Bartow.....	100 00
106.	B. Dyer.....	18 00		I. V. I. J. S. Drummond.....	100 00
108.	A. P. Parker.....	26 50			
109.	Curtis Baird.....	1 50			
110.	E. Hunt.....	33 00			
				Total.....	\$3,396 00

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 155, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have bound, in same style, 250 additional copies of Volume 3 of the Journal of Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was, on motion of Rep. Roberts. of No. 12, laid on the table:

Resolved, That as soon as it can be conveniently done, after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals to prepare a set of blank forms for charges, summonses, subpoenas, and reports of Trial Committees, and submit the same to the Grand Master. Upon being approved by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary shall cause a quantity of

the same to be printed, and keep a supply on hand, and furnish the same to Lodges when called for, free of charge.

H. WARTENBERG, of No. 35.

Rep. Roberts, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following reports, which were laid on the table:

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Bartlett, as follows:

“*Resolved*, That Sec. 1 of Art. VII of the Constitution of Subordinates, be amended by adding thereto the following words: ‘*and provided further*, that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him—’” would recommend the adoption of the resolution.

E. W. ROBERTS,
LEON D. FREER,
A. C. BRADFORD,
J. O. WANZER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge. I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

Your Legislative Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to Dispensations and Commissions, recommend that his action in the premises be approved.

LEON D. FREER,
J. O. WANZER,
E. W. ROBERTS,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. W. F. Norcross, of No. 123, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, at its present session consider the expediency of adopting a uniform set of by-laws for the use of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Rep. Dann, of No. 15, moved it be referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report at the next session.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution. Carried.

Rep. Nelson, of No. 2, moved that the committee appointed at the last session on the same subject, be discharged. Carried.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 12, offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Carried.

Resolved, That Samaritan Lodge, No. 126, is hereby authorized to retain the set of regalia belonging to this Grand Lodge, now in possession of said Lodge, and that the same is hereby donated to said Lodge.

Rep. Nelson, of No. 2, offered the following, which received and laid on the table:

I move to amend Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out of said Section the word "nine," and insert the word "twelve."

Rep. Dann, of No. 15, offered the following, which was adopted.

Amend Section XI of Article VI of the Constitution of Subordinates, by striking out the word "first" in line two, and insert "second."

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, submitted a resolution, instructing the R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States on the subject of translating the secret work into the Italian language. Resolution lost.

Rep. Norman asked to take from the table the resolution, offered at the last session of this Grand Lodge, and which was laid on the table for one year, to amend Sec. 2, of Art. 3, Constitution of Subordinates, by striking out "any Odd Fellow residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, having no card of clearance, and not being connected with any Lodge upon the Pacific coast, who was last a member of some Lodge east of the Rocky Mountains, and who ceased to be a member, or was suspended only for non-payment of dues," and insert, "suspended members of the Order residing within this jurisdiction, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have been under suspension, for not less than three years, or members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card."

On motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, the subject was laid on the table until to-morrow.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented their report, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, as submitted in his Annual Report, which was received and laid on the table.

The following reports from the same Committee, were received and laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following questions, beg leave to report the following answers thereto, and recommend their adoption:

Question No. 5.—Should a Lodge admit a visiting brother, in possession of a visiting card, who cannot write his name on the margin of his card?

J. A. ROBINSON, of Jackson Lodge, No. 36.

Answer.—Yes; provided he can prove his identity in any other manner satisfactory to the Lodge.

Question No. 6.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

I submit the following question: Has a member of a Relief Committee the right to demand the S. A. P. W. of a brother sick or in distress?

H. H. NIELSEN, of No. 8.

Answer.—Yes; if the brother seeks relief.

Question No. 7.—Section 4 of Art. VII of the Constitution of Subordinates, contains this provision: "If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict and affix the penalty."

The remainder of the section provides for the action to be taken when a "bill of exceptions" is filed, about which there is no question.

My question is: Does the clause above recited preclude the Lodge, if so disposed, from passing upon the question of "guilty or not guilty?" Can it modify in any manner the verdict of the committee, or can it only affix the penalty?

W. H. HILL, of No. 87.

Answer.—When no exceptions have been filed, the Lodge is precluded from changing the verdict, and must "proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict," and affix the penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McLAREN,
LEWIS KORN,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT.

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on the State of the Order, respectfully reports that the undersigned concurs with the majority report of the committee, with the exception of the answer to Question No. 7. The undersigned recommends that the answer to the question be as follows:

That, by the provisions of the Constitution of Subordinates, the Lodge is required to pronounce judgment, whether exceptions are filed or not, (see Section 4, Article VII,) and that the Lodge, in pronouncing judgment, can adopt the report or modify it, or refer it back to the same or another com-

mittee, or grant a new trial. In fact, until the Lodge has taken action on the report, there is no judgment. (See Vol. 3, pp. 330, 331, Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.)

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS LOUDERBACK,

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following question, respectfully report their answer, and recommend their adoption:

Question 8th. A brother applies for a Withdrawal Card from his Lodge, receives the same, leaves the place where he resided, but remains within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Afterwards, within one year, he returns his Withdrawal Card and asks for a Visiting Card, stating that at the time he made application for a Card his intention was to ask for a Visiting and not for a Withdrawal Card.

Can the Lodge annul the Withdrawal Card and grant a Visiting Card?

REP. H. WARTENBERG, No. 35.

Answer. No. A brother cannot take advantage of his own negligence and error.

Question 9th. A Representative is appointed by the Grand Master, previous to the close of the session of the Grand Lodge, as a member of a regular Committee; he serves on said Committee during the recess; at the next session of the Grand Lodge he attends the session, but is not returned by his Lodge as a Representative. Can he serve on said Committee, or must his name be stricken from the list of Committees by the Grand Master, and another name be substituted.

Answer. The brother cannot serve.

Question 10th. Can the Grand Master, previous to the close of a session of the Grand Lodge, appoint a Past Grand who is present in the Grand Lodge, but is not a Representative, on any regular Committee, or to an appointed office.

CHAS. L. THOMAS, of No. 94.

Answer. Yes. (See Constitution of Grand Lodge, Art. VI, Sec. 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

D. McLAREN,
C. W. DANNALS,
LEWIS KORN.

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, members of the Committee on the State of the Order, respectfully report:

That they concur with the majority of the Committee in their answer to Question 9th.

That they recommend that Question 8th be answered Yes, if the granting of the Withdrawal Card was the result of an innocent mistake. It is a power easily abused, and should therefore be cautiously exercised.

That they recommend that Question 10th be answered: The Grand Master may appoint a Past Grand to an appointed office. A Past Grand who is not a representative cannot be appointed on a regular Committee.

The undersigned submit that the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge prescribes that the *business* of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted by the elective officers and the representatives, (see Sec. 2, Art. 2) and in their opinion the work of a regular committee is part of the business of the Grand Lodge.

This R. W. Grand Lodge has already decided that a Past Grand, not a representative, cannot act on a regular committee.

See Vol. II, p. 33, Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that decision should be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS LOUDERBACK,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT.

At 5 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FOURTH DAY OF SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 1869, }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The following named Grand Officers:

C. S. HASWELL.....	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
L. E. PRATT.....	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem.</i>
JOHN B. HARMON.....	<i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i>
T. RODGERS JOHNSON.....	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
HENRY B. BROOKS.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
C. W. DANNALS, } A. J. GUNNISON, }	<i>R. W. Grand Representatives.</i>
REV. WILLIAM H. HILL.....	
W. K. BENJAMIN.....	<i>Worthy Grand Marshal.</i>
W. H. TOOTHAKER.....	<i>Worthy Grand Conductor.</i>
G. WARNER.....	<i>Worthy Grand Guardian.</i>
C. G. STAHL.....	<i>Worthy Grand Herald.</i>

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rep. W. H. Hill, of No. 87, moved to suspend the regular order of business, and take up the report of the Committee on Mileage. Carried.

On motion of Rep. Sinex, of No. 52, the Committee on Mileage were authorized to fill the blanks in their report.

On motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, the report was adopted.

The Journal of yesterday was, on motion of Rep. Gates, of No. 17, approved.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to take up the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 94, printed Journal.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to amend by taking up the reports of committees in the order as printed. Carried. Motion as amended carried.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Degree of Rebekah, found on page 88.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, until the next session of this Grand Lodge. Carried.

On motion of Rep. Dann, of No. 15, the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 89, was adopted.

Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, moved to adopt the reports of the Finance Committee, on pages 89 and 90. Carried.

The next report, pages 90-1, from the Committee on Legislation, was, on motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, page 91, was, on motion of Rep. Gates, of No. 17, adopted.

The next report, from Committee on Petitions, page 92, was adopted, on motion of Rep. Gates, of No. 17.

Rep. Dwinelle, of No. 144, moved to take up and adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 101, viz: Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 112, respondent *vs.* J. W. Mayhew, appellant. Carried.

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 124, moved to take up and adopt the report of Committee on Legislation, page 110, on the amendment to Constitution of Subordinates, Art. VII., Sec. 1. Carried.

The next report from same committee, page 91, on Dispensations and Communications, in Grand Master's Report, was, on motion of Rep. Wanzer, of No. 96, adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 94, viz: Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, respondent vs. Joseph C. Collins, appellant, was taken up for action.

Rep. Bartlett, of No. 155, moved to adopt the majority report.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to amend by adopting the minority report. See page 99.

Rep. McKune, of No. 8, moved that Representatives Louderback, of No. 15, and Pratt, of No. 17, the counsel in the case before the Lodge, have each one-half an hour for argument. Motion lost.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved that the rule adopted on the third day of the session, in relation to the time to be occupied in debate, be modified, so as to allow Representatives Pratt and Louderback an half hour each for argument. Carried.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, raised the following point of order: That the motion was lost, as it required a unanimous vote to adopt the motion.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 17, moved that Representatives Tilden, of No. 124, and Dwinelle, of 144, have each fifteen minutes for argument, and that Representative Dwinelle should close the debate. Motion carried.

Rep. Hill, of No. 87, moved that the recess be deferred half an hour.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved to amend that the recess be dispensed with. Motion as amended was adopted.

The case was then argued by Reps. Louderback and Pratt.

Rep. Kendall, of No. 2, moved to adjourn. Lost.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess until half-past one o'clock. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1½ o'clock.

Grand Lodge called to order.

On motion, the question pending at the time of recess was postponed, and the regular order of business taken up.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 112, being first in order, on motion of Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, the questions were considered *seriatim*.

Question No. 5 was adopted.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, moved that Question No. 6 be recommitted to committee, with instructions to report at next session. Motion lost.

On motion, the answer to question 6 was adopted.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved to adopt the minority report on question 7. Motion carried.

Rep. Korn, of No. 105, moved to adopt the majority report on question 8.

Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved to amend by adopting the minority report. Amendment adopted, and motion as amended adopted.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to adopt the report on question 9.

Rep. Estee, of No. 123, called the previous question. Previous question sustained.

Rep. Tilden's motion to adopt carried.

Rep. McLaren, of No. 155, moved to adopt the majority report on question 10.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, moved to amend by adopting the minority report. Motion carried, and adopted as amended.

The report as amended was adopted.

Rep. Bohlen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

The Committee on Finance submit the following report of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year:

ESTIMATED REVENUE.

Cash on hand, General Fund	\$462 00
Representative Fund	4,367 20
Supplies and Charters	900 00
Assessment on 11,400 members, General Fund, at 75 cents per member	8,550 00
Assessment on 11,600 members, Representatives' Fund, at 25 cents per member	2,900 00
Due General Fund from delinquent Lodges	139 00
Total	\$17,318 20

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of G. M. C. S. Haswell	\$562 00
Committee on Mileage	3,400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	3,000 00
Printing Journals of present session	1,700 00
Stationery and incidental expenses	1,000 00
Grand Lodge supplies	900 00
Subscription of ten copies of <i>New Age</i>	50 00
Traveling expenses of M. W. Grand Master	1,000 00
Representative Fund for mileage	4,000 00
Settlement of bill of G. H. Baker	60 00
U. S. Grand Lodge dues	150 00
Binding of 250 additional copies of third volume of Journal	125 00
Safe for office of Grand Secretary	800 00
Additional sum to Bro. Norman for compiling Digest of Proceedings from 1865 to 1868	300 00
Compensation of Janitors	75 00
Parker Monument	50 00
Estimated balance at the end of the year	146 20
Total	\$17,318 20

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved, That an assessment of seventy-five (75) cents for each contributing member be levied upon Subordinate Lodges, according to their report on June 30th, 1869, said assessment payable on that date, and to be passed to the credit of the General Fund; also, an assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per member, according to report on December 31st, 1869, for the Representative Fund, the last assessment payable December 31st, 1869.

GEO. T. BOHEN,
DAVID MEEKER,
HERMAN SCHULTZ,
ISRAEL LUCE,
N. WYCKOFF.

Rep. Schultz, of No. 29, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption. Carried.

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be paid out of the treasury and placed in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master, to be distributed among the Janitors of this R. W. Grand Lodge as compensation for services rendered at this session.

The following resolutions, submitted by Rep. Schultz, of No. 29, were adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars per annum be allowed out of the treasury for the purpose of keeping the Parker Monument in proper condition.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to forward, as soon as practicable, to each Lodge and each D. D. G. M. in this jurisdiction a bound copy of the third volume of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California.

Rep. Roberts, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Dann, of No. 15, was laid on the table until next session:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the General Relief Committee of San Francisco, in relation to a matter of difference as to a claim made by the Relief Committee for the reimbursement to them, by El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, of certain moneys paid out by the Relief Committee to defray funeral expenses of brother Anthony Kramer, deceased, late a member of El Dorado Lodge, and also a statement presented by Grass Valley Lodge, No. 12, in relation to expenditures of a similar character incurred by the Relief Committee during the last illness, and for funeral expenses of brother E. Goldsmith, late member of Grass Valley Lodge, would respectfully report :

The facts in the first of the cases referred to appear to be these :

1st. Anthony Kramer was a member of El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, at the date of his death.

2d. He was taken sick at San Francisco, and the General Relief Committee of that city had notice of his sickness, November 25th, 1868.

3d. They immediately employed a nurse for him, and on the next day he died.

4th. On the morning of November 27th the committee telegraphed to El Dorado Lodge the fact, and asked instructions regarding the disposition of the body.

5th. At 2½ p. m. of that day the committee received a telegram from El Dorado Lodge, informing them that brother Kramer was not in good standing.

6th. At 3 p. m. the committee caused the burial of the body at an expense of \$56, in accordance with their arrangements made before the telegram was received.

7th. The bill for burial expenses and nurse was duly presented to El Dorado Lodge for payment, and the Lodge refused to assume and pay the debt.

8th. The By-Laws of El Dorado Lodge provide (Art. 7, Sec. 3) that on the death of a brother *in good standing* the sum of \$75 shall be allowed as a funeral benefit, and \$10 per week during sickness.

The foregoing constitute the facts presented by the memorial under consideration, stripped of matter of inducement merely.

The first question for consideration is as to the power and duties of the committee.

That the committee has a legal existence is undoubted, and it is recognized both in Grand Lodge and in the Grand Lodge of the United States. (See pages 1947, 2104, 2115, 2116, 2150 and 2180, Proceedings Grand Lodge United States; Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, 1864, p. 59.

But that committee has no other further or higher powers than a Lodge would have under similar circumstances, and it has no direct control over the funds of any Lodge.

The committee has been organized to facilitate the labor of distributing charities of the Order, and is mainly resorted to in cities where there are several Lodges, so that the burden of extending charities to sojourning brothers may be evenly distributed among such Lodges. Such committees are not clothed with any authority to perform any act which shall charge any Lodge beyond the engagements of such Lodge with its members, as found in the Constitution of the Order and the By-Laws of such Lodges. This brings us to the consideration of the main question suggested in the memorial.

What were the liabilities of El Dorado Lodge to brother Kramer, and, after his death, to his personal representative?

Legally there would be no privity of contract between the committee and El Dorado Lodge. The engagement of El Dorado Lodge is directly with its members, or their legal representatives, and the committee would in law be considered a volunteer. But in practice it is sometimes convenient for a Lodge owing benefits to a member to pay his debts and charge him with the amount. But his creditor is in no position to demand such transfer of liability; unless the three parties agree it is no contract, and a party paying money without contract does so at his peril.

This is probably the law in Odd Fellowship, because any other rule would carry with it consequences we would not be willing to admit. But we desire to dispose of this question on broader grounds, which extend to the entire merits.

The Relief Committee is in no better position than the widow or family of deceased would be, if the controversy arose by direct application to the Lodge for sick and funeral benefits.

Let the application be made by such widow to the Lodge, claiming \$75 funeral benefits. The Lodge replies, such benefits can only be extended to members in "good standing;" and, by our By-Laws, under which you claim benefits, the deceased was not such member.

This brings us to the consideration of the true intent and meaning of the words "good standing," found and used in such By-Laws.

It is not admissible for us to hold that they have no meaning, that they are mere surplusage. The rule is that all words in a law shall have a meaning assigned to them in construing the law, if possible. They import that one may be a member and not in good standing. The construction claimed by the me-

morialists is: one is a member in good standing until he has been read out of the Lodge.

But this construction is scarcely plausible, as at that moment he ceases membership, and the language is, the benefits can only be claimed by *members* and in *good standing*; the true construction of the term "good standing" is defined by the Grand Lodge of the United States, (See New Digest, page 61,) "as being free from all charges involving moral turpitude, disability and delinquency in the payment of dues, assessments and fines," and the General Relief Committee of San Francisco is therefore in error in supposing that a member is in good standing merely because he may have the S. A. P. W., and errs in claiming that a Lodge is necessarily liable to pay benefits to or expenses incurred on behalf of a sick brother, merely because he continued to hold membership in his Lodge.

Your committee are of opinion that under the by-laws of El Dorado Lodge, brother Kramer, at the time of his death, was a member of such Lodge, but not in good standing, and neither his widow nor the memorialists can claim, as a matter of right, the funeral benefits described.

That the By-Laws are binding on all parties, was decided by this Lodge (page 50, Proceedings 1860 to 1864).

We are, therefore, of opinion that the Relief Committee cannot legally claim the money expended by them of the Lodge.

It will be observed that to guard against this very condition of affairs this Grand Lodge has already deemed it proper to legislate to a certain extent, in the passage of the resolutions to be found on page 576, 2 Cal. Proceedings, and the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on page 566, same volume. By the latter it was officially declared that "a Subordinate Lodge is not legally liable to refund to another Lodge or a General Relief Committee any amount paid by such Lodge or Relief Committee to a member of said Lodge, who, by the By-Laws of his Lodge was not entitled to receive such benefits"—whilst by the later resolutions, in order to extend the rule, give opportunity for communication, and secure the rights of members and of Lodges, it was imperatively declared that in case of the application of a brother having the S. A. P. W. to another Lodge or Relief Committee when away from his own Lodge, it should be the duty of such Lodge or Committee "immediately to communicate with the Lodge to which the brother belongs," and "should the brother taken sick require immediate assistance, the Lodge or Committee may render such assistance, but not to exceed two weeks' benefits;" this law is well understood, familiar to all the brethren, and is the rule by which the claim of the General Relief Committee of San Francisco must be decided in the present case.

It is evident, therefore, under the circumstances of the case presented, that the General Relief Committee of San Francisco, as a matter of right, could claim from El Dorado Lodge no more than two weeks' benefits as allowed by the By-Laws of that Lodge.

In the matter of the case of brother E. Goldsmith, presented by statement from Grass Valley Lodge, the facts are similar to the case presented above, excepting that the brother had been sick for about two weeks before the General Relief Committee had knowledge of his illness, was actually dead and buried before any notification was made out by the Committee for the information of the Lodge, and the expenses of the brother's illness, death and burial had all been incurred by the personal friends of deceased, without any knowledge of the Committee or of the Lodge to which he belonged, amounting in the whole to \$214.00, one-half of which the Lodge was requested to pay.

Under the belief that the brother was still alive and required immediate

assistance, the Lodge agreed to pay one-half of the expenses, *provided* that the brother was unable to do so himself,—he being entitled to no benefits under the By-Laws of his Lodge. The correspondence shows that the Lodge was willing to perform every moral and legal obligation that might be supposed to rest upon it, did not raise any technical objection to the proceedings of the General Relief Committee, and paid the one-half of the amount of the bill as claimed; but, feeling that there was no *legal liability* upon them to pay any portion of the amount, apparently present their case as one of gross injustice, to say the least; moral obligations may be made stronger than legal liabilities; but our laws are rules of right, to be enforced only upon the principles of justice. Justice demands that the funds of a Lodge shall not be drawn from its treasury unless the claim be a proper one under the law, and expressly recognized by its provisions.

The question remains whether any legislation is required changing the law and defining the rights under consideration.

As a general rule, it is better to clothe no one with the power to disburse the moneys of another without the express assent of that other. It would be bad policy to allow any Lodge or Relief Committee to do any act involving expense which must be paid by another Lodge, except within certain prescribed limits, and those limits defined by law.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has taken action in the premises, in so far as visiting brethren traveling with cards are concerned, and defined the limits of disbursement in such cases (see references above); and it may be proper for this Grand Lodge to make some regulation which shall allow a Lodge or a Relief Committee to aid a brother of another Lodge within the State, and collect the amount from his Lodge; *provided*, that no Lodge shall become liable by such contingency beyond the sum due the brother according to the By-Laws of his Lodge; and, also, to aid the General Relief Committee of San Francisco in assisting that class of our brethren who, being Odd Fellows, by their own neglect or by misfortune have lost their "good standing" in their own Lodges.

We recommend the passage of the following:

Be it enacted, that any Lodge or Relief Committee within this State may grant relief to a brother in "good standing," or funeral benefits to a brother who was in good standing at the time of his decease, to such extent and amount as may be allowed by the By-Laws of his Lodge, and no more, and that the Lodge to which such brother belongs shall be chargeable with and liable to pay such amount upon presentation of a proper demand and vouchers.

That each Lodge in this State shall forward to every General Relief Committee a copy of its By-Laws, to be kept on file by such committee.

That the sum or amount of — cents per member, per annum, is hereby levied and assessed upon each member in every Subordinate Lodge outside of the City and County of San Francisco, to be paid to the General Relief Committee of San Francisco, to defray the expenses that may be incurred by said committee, in cases of emergency, the assistance of brothers who may not be in "good standing," the relief of indigent widows, and the care of orphans of members of the Order, who may not have legal claims for benefits or assistance upon any particular Lodge, and for other objects of charity.

E. W. ROBERTS,
LEON D. FREER,
J. H. MCKUNE,
JAMES O. WANZER.
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. Thomas, of 94, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Burton, of No. 6, was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn at three o'clock to-day, and stand adjourned until Monday next, May 10th, at one o'clock.

Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, moved to take up the report of the Committee on Appeals, under consideration at the time of recess. Carried.

After argument by Reps. Tilden and Dwinelle, Rep. Dwinelle, of No. 144, moved the previous question, which was carried.

The vote was then taken on the motion to adopt the minority report. It was carried—yeas, 115; nays, 76; and the motion as amended was adopted.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, moved to take up the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 111, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master. Carried.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved to make the subject matter the special order for the second day of next session.

The M. W. Grand Master asked to have the report recommitted to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Tilden, of No. 124, the report was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Porter, of No. 15, moved that a draft be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of \$3,396, in favor of the Committee on Mileage. Carried.

Rep. Brooks, of No. 3, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption. Carried:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the California Steam Navigation Company, the Central Pacific Railroad Company, the Sacramento Valley Railroad Company, the California Pacific Railroad Company, and the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad Company, for courtesies extended to this Grand Lodge and its officers during the year past.

Rep. Roberts, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of California:

Your committee, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, proposed by Rep. Dibble, relative to reduction of representation, recommend that Section 3 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"Every Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one representative for its charter or dispensation, one representative for every forty members, and one representative for a fraction of twenty-five members and over; *provided*, that any Lodge that may be organized on or after the 31st day of December, and prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one representative only."

And further recommend, if the foregoing amendment shall be adopted, that Section 11, of Article XII, of the Constitution of Subordinates, be amended by striking out the word "thirty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "forty," and by inserting the word "five" after the word "twenty;" such amendment becoming necessary to make the two provisions consistent.

E. W. ROBERTS,
JAMES O. WANZER,
J. H. MCKUNE,
LEON D. FREER,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. Burton, of No. 6, moved that the report be indefinitely postponed. Lost.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved to postpone until the next session. Carried.

Rep. McLaren, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported back their report on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master submitted in his Annual Report, beg leave to report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the second, third, fifth and sixth decisions be approved.

That the first be disapproved, as this R. W. Grand Lodge has already decided that in case of suicide of a brother the matter should not be left to the Subordinate Lodge, and that "A brother committing suicide is not entitled to the funeral honors of the Order." (See Vol. 3, page 77, Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.)

That the *fourth* be modified as follows: A Lodge has a right to grant leave of absence, but actual service in office at least a majority of the nights of a term, whether the officer is absent with or without leave of the Lodge, except in case of sickness, is required to entitle an officer to the honors of the office.

That the *seventh* be *disapproved*. In the absence of the N. G. and all P. G's, there can be no initiation, as a V. G. has no right to deliver the P. G's charge (See Digest Grand Lodge U. S., page 68).

That in regard to the *eighth*, the matter has been settled by an amendment to the Constitution."

In relation to the ninth, we declare the law to be that only one Lodge can be in session at the same time and place, and confer the degrees, although another Lodge may be present at the conferring of the degrees.

That the *tenth* question should be answered No. (See Vol. 3, pages 413 and 526, Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.)

That the *eleventh* be disapproved.

Respectfully submitted.

D. McLAREN,
DAVIS LOUDERBACK,
LEWIS KORN,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.
of the State of California:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report:

That in regard to the twelfth decision your committee deem it advisable that the Grand Lodge should be informed that the By-laws of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 112, provides that the quarterly dues must be paid on or before the last regular meeting of each quarter (See By-Laws, Article 4); and also by the rules of order of said Lodge, that in case of appeal from the decision of the Noble Grand on questions of order, the question shall be taken by the Vice Grand. (See 2nd Rule of Order).

Your committee recommend that the paragraph in the decision relating to the matter that the question had not been stated from the chair of the Noble Grand, be disapproved, and that otherwise the decision of the Grand Master sustaining the decision of the N. G. and D. D. G. M., be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS LOUDERBACK,
WASHINGTON BARTLETT,
LEWIS KORN.

I think the whole decision should be approved.

D. McLAREN.

Rep. Louderback moved to take up the report *seriatim* for action.
Carried.

The first part of the report confirming the second, third, fifth and sixth decisions of the M. W. Grand Master was approved.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, moved to amend by striking out all but the first four words in the third paragraph of said report, and insert "approved," so as to read, "That the first be approved." Amendment carried, and the clause as amended was adopted.

The fourth was adopted.

7th. Rep. Dann, of No. 15, moved to amend by striking out the word "disapproved" in first line of the report on the seventh decision, and insert the word "modified." Carried, and adopted as amended on motion of Rep. Fox, of 109.

The 8th clause, as reported by the Committee, was adopted.

The 9th clause, on motion of Representative Hill, of No. 87, was adopted.

10th. The tenth decision was, on motion of Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, adopted.

11th. Rep. McLaren, of No. 155, moved that the following be substituted:

In relation to the eleventh decision, we declare the Law to be that "The business in question is not necessarily disreputable, but may be and very frequently is made so, by the manner in which it is conducted; and we would therefore urge upon all Lodges a very careful consideration of all applications from persons engaged in such business."

Substitute carried, and the report adopted as amended.

12th. The report of the committee on the twelfth decision of the Grand Master was taken up. Rep. Louderback, of No. 15, moved to adopt the majority report. Rep. McLaren moved to amend by adopting the minority report. Motion carried, and the report adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Rep. Morse, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption. Carried.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of adopting some plan by which any Past Grand, in good and regular standing in this jurisdiction shall be secured the right and opportunity of voting for all the Elective Grand officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and report the same at the next annual session.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee the following named Representatives:

NATHAN PORTER, of No. 15,
 J. W. DWINELLE, of No. 144.
 PHILO WHITE, of No. 3.
 H. S. GATES, of No. 17.
 H. C. SQUIRE, of No. 15.

The following resolution was, on motion of Rep. Burton, of No. 6, adopted:

Resolved, That in future this R. W. Grand Lodge present the retiring Grand Master, including Grand Master Haswell, with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

D. McLAREN,
F. P. DANN,
E. BRIGGS,
B. W. BARNES,
JOHN H. TITCOMB,
W. K. BENJAMIN.

On motion, at 5.40 the Grand Lodge took a recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to recess.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, from the special committee appointed to examine the proposed appointments of D. D. G. Masters, reported that the committee had examined the nominees, and that they were well qualified to discharge the duties that would devolve upon them as D. Deputy Grand Masters.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

The bond of H. B. Brooks, of No. 3, as R. W. G. Treasurer, with Charles N. Fox and Washington Bartlett, as sureties, was read and approved.

The bond of T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary, with J. B. Johnson and A. S. Iredale as sureties, was read and approved.

Rep. Holbrook, of No. 90, moved to take from the table and adopt the resolution on adjournment *sine die*, page 106. Carried.

Rep. Dorr, of No. 84, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and the same are hereby tendered to the San Francisco Lodges for the use of their regalia during the present session.

On motion of Rep. Hill, of No. 87, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Rep. Titcomb, of No. 17, for his kindness in presiding at the organ and conducting the music at the opening of each day's business.

Rep. Fox, of No. 109, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption: Carried.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be instructed to issue his circular to all Lodges in this jurisdiction, requesting them to contribute to a fund for the reception and entertainment of the Grand Lodge of the United States on the occasion of its approaching session in San Francisco; that such contributions be paid to the installing officers in July next and forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and disbursed for the purpose aforesaid, on the order of the Committee of Arrangements.

The resolution of Rep. Wartenberg, of No. 35, in relation to blanks, page 109, was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Burton, of No. 6, it was ordered that the minutes of this day's proceedings be adopted on the approval of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary.

The following resolution was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby extended to P. G. Master C. S. Haswell for the able, impartial, and zealous manner in which he has performed the duties of Grand Master during the year just closed. Also, to Grand Representatives C. W. Dannals and A. J. Gunnison, for their industry and fidelity as our Representatives, and the able manner in which they have exemplified the work before us.

W. F. NORCROSS, 123,
A. S. IREDALE, 155.

The M. W. Grand Master, C. S. Haswell then arose and delivered the following:

VALEDICTORY OF GRAND MASTER.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS.

In retiring from this exalted position, I do so feeling that I am a better man, and consequently a better Odd Fellow, than when I assumed the duties of Grand Master.

At no former time in my life (and I am now in my fifty-fifth year) and under no circumstances heretofore surrounding me, have I desired so sincerely and ardently to be worthy of the confidence of men, and useful in the occupancy of position. I regret that no more has been accomplished during my term of office in the way of elevating the character of man, and in leading our order to realize and appreciate its capabilities for good in the noble work of Fraternity. Yet, brothers, I am filled with a subdued and chastened joy, in the thought, that we have kept pace with the other noble enterprises of the day, in the race for the attainment of a higher plane in the strife to secure a manhood regenerated through the practice of the triple virtues—Friendship, Love and Truth.

Brothers, accept my thanks for courteous and friendly recognition, and be assured that "while life and being lasts, and immortality endures," I will cherish for you, and the noble men you represent, feelings akin to veneration for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as the embodiment, under God, of living principles owned of Heaven, and destined to secure the reign of Universal Peace, and the fellowship of man.

Let us, from this proud moment in our history, at the close of this seventeenth annual communication, take fresh and renewed courage, while we drink in the inspiration of the genius of our order, and with united voices pray that

"In our hearts enshrined and cherished,
 May these feelings ever bloom;
 Failing not when life has perished,
 Living still beyond the tomb."

I will request P. G. Master John F. Morse to take this chair and proceed with the installation of my successor.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

P. G. Master John F. Morse proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect, and requested Past Grand Masters C. N. Fox and C. O. Burton to present J. B. Harmon, M. W. Grand Master elect, who was duly installed as M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, for the ensuing year, in ample form.

C. W. Dannals was in like manner presented by Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson and P. G. Rep. D. B. Woolf, and installed as R. W. Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

P. G. Rep. W. A. Gilman, and P. G., D. McLaren, were requested to present W. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Warden elect, who was duly installed R. W. Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson was presented by P. G.'s W. Bartlett and W. K. Benjamin, and installed as R. W. Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Past Grands H. S. Gates and J. B. Johnson presented Grand Treasurer H. B. Brooks, who was duly installed as R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

M. W. GRAND MASTER HARMON—I cannot close this installation, without calling your attention to the circumstances under which you assume the executive duties of your office. Everything seems to add inspiration to the present and the future, and yet the position you now assume has its difficulties and its dangers. I believe I speak the convictions of this R. W. Grand Body, when I say that your predecessors for the last two years have distinguished themselves by their earnest zeal, ability and faithfulness, and more especially by the glorious character which they have revealed, and which, under all circum-

stances, is the grandest example and most perfect security which man can give to society. Now, sir, quoting such predecessors, and pointing you to the prosperity of our Order under their administrations might not be comfortable to you, could I not consistently follow it with the assurance, that I believe I speak also the minds of the Representatives present, when I say that we have full faith in your proving yourself their equal in any one of the foregoing agreeable features of character.

John B. Harmon, M. W. Grand Master, appointed the following named Past Grands as appointed Grand Officers, who were severally presented and duly installed.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

REV. THOMAS H. SINEX, of No. 52.....	<i>Worthy Grand Chaplain.</i>
JAMES B. LEAMAN, of No. 5.....	<i>Worthy Grand Marshal.</i>
GUSTAVUS WARNER, of No. 30.....	<i>Worthy Grand Conductor.</i>
H. C. MCKELVEY, of No. 16.....	<i>Worthy Grand Guardian.</i>
W. H. STEPHENSON, of No. 12.....	<i>Worthy Grand Herald.</i>

At this stage of proceedings the regular order of business was suspended, and Past Grand Representative Nathan Porter was called upon to present to Past Grand Master C. S. Haswell a beautiful cane, which had been procured by the members of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Representative Nathan Porter presented the same, accompanied by the following remarks:

ADDRESS OF P. G. REP. NATHAN PORTER.

BROTHER HASWELL: For since you have stepped from the dignified position of the chair of the Grand Master—by this endearing name we shall love to call you—I have been deputed by your brethren of this Grand Lodge to speak a few parting words of commendation and praise for the uniformly faithful and efficient manner in which you have watched over and guided the interests of our order in the performance of the duties of Grand Master. I believe I speak the sentiments of the whole brotherhood when I say that the promises which you made us one year ago upon assuming the duties and responsibilities of the high office to which you were then called, that you would faithfully and to the best of your ability perform all the duties pertaining to that office, have been fully kept and performed.

To err is human—and the man who undertakes any great work and fully performs it without error, or without some slight neglect, performs more than his fellows have a right to expect. Yet such has been your faithful course—and so watchful and untiring have you been in the execution of every duty, that we can say to you, “you have committed no error, you have suffered no neglect.”

Under your leadership the interests of our noble institution have advanced as they never before advanced. The order has not only increased in numbers, in wealth, and general prosperity, in an unexampled manner, but better than all this its moral standard has been nobly upheld, and higher elevated. And the Odd Fellows throughout this whole jurisdiction have felt a proud satisfaction in being able to point to the individual at the head of the order and say to the world: “This is the chief among us. This is the man whom we delight to honor—who honors us, as our Grand Master.”

The members of this grand body entertaining these sentiments have desired me in your hearing to give them expression, which I do with all my heart. And desiring to leave with you some substantial, visible token of their appreciation of your valuable services, I have also been requested to present to you in their name this elegant cane which your brethren beg you to accept as an offering of their kindly regard. And as you approach the declivity of life, we hope you will find it a prop and a staff which will daily remind you of the many hearts which beat with gratitude for your noble labors, and with fraternal solicitude for your future welfare and comfort. Accept this offering as a token of that better aid which your brethren will in the future cheerfully bestow should the hour of need approach your door. Remember that you can lean on our hearts as on this staff and that while our order survives you cannot want.

I know it is a satisfaction to you to retire from office with the universal respect of the Odd Fellows of your State. Such you have. May your days be long among us—and peaceful and happy. And when you shall at last enter the portals of the Grand Lodge above, may the Grand Master of us all say to you as this Grand Lodge now says, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Past Grand Master C. S. Haswell replied as follows:

ADDRESS OF PAST GRAND MASTER HASWELL.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NATHAN PORTER AND BROTHERS:

There are times in the lives of men when the soul is filled with a kind of heavenly inspiration, lifting us above the ordinary sphere of mortal life, linking us with the spirit world, while yet we live amid the active strife in the contest incident to the warfare against vice, and for the elevation of the character of man.

Green spots, around which memory will love to linger, while events are marked by days and dates, and even beyond life's limits, may and undoubtedly will recur with joy, imagining to the immortal mind, friends, and the kindly words of friendship and commendation.

This occasion to me is full of intense interest, and the consciousness of renewed obligations to labor in the cause of human benefaction while life shall last, and only cease to labor when I cease to live, is felt to a degree painful to endure.

The words of cheering approval with which you have been pleased to accompany the rich and valuable testimonial in the name of this Grand Lodge, is of priceless value to me, and will be among the last forgotten of the events of my life.

I shall, when my step grows tremulous with age and infirmity, lean upon this cane for support, ever mindful of the donors upon whom I have a surer support, in the recognition of the glorious truth that I also lean upon a Brotherhood upon whom we have fraternal claims, measured only by the calls for charity to meet the wants of humanity.

I am conscious of errors and short-comings during my term of office, and dare not hope to be freed from them in the future, but shall expect a continuance of your kind charity while I live, and when laid beside my brothers in the silent city of the dead, shall know that the same ennobling virtue will hush to a whisper the mention of my faults, and only my better deeds will be remembered.

Brother Porter, to you, and through you to the Grand Lodge at its Seventeenth Annual Session, I will say that for your flattering commendations, your hearty invocation in my behalf to the Great Grand Master of the Universe, as also for this beautiful and valuable token of regard, I thank you again, and yet again.

Rep. Barnes, of No. 80, moved that P. G. Rep. Nathan Porter, and Past Grand Master C. S. Haswell, be requested to furnish a copy of their remarks to the Grand Secretary, to be placed in the Journal. Carried.

The Grand Master, J. B. Harmon, appointed the following named Representatives as:

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

<i>Committee of Credentials</i>	{ H. Atwater, of No. 48. Minor Walden, of No. 149. H. Wartenberg, of No. 35.
<i>Committee on Finance</i>	{ David Meeker, of No. 123. George T. Bohlen, of No. 155. Herman Schultz, of No. 29. C. S. Bartow, of No. 1, S. I. C. L. Thomas, of No. 94.
<i>Committee on Correspondence</i>	{ C. N. Fox, of No. 109. T. Rodgers Johnson, of No. 3. A. S. Iredale, of No. 155.
<i>Committee on Appeals</i>	{ Nathan Porter, of No. 15. John W. Dwinelle, of No. 144. Washington Bartlett, of No. 124. F. A. Hornblower, of No. 20. F. P. Dann, of No. 15.
<i>Committee on Laws of Subordinates</i>	{ J. B. Johnson, of No. 17. John A. Richter, of No. 116. A. O. Day, of No. 124. P. Sander, of No. 13. L. D. Holbrook, of No. 90.
<i>Committee on Petitions</i>	{ B. W. Barnes, of No. 80. H. Kozminsky, of No. 71. E. W. Bradford, of No. 73. A. T. Taylor, of No. 147. J. H. Titcomb, of No. 17.
<i>Committee on State of the Order</i>	{ L. E. Pratt, of No. 17. Daniel McLaren, of No. 155. Davis Louderback, of No. 15. R. B. Norman, of No. 87. Chas. W. Bowman, of No. 94.
<i>Committee on Legislation</i>	{ J. H. McKune, of No. 8. E. W. Roberts, of No. 12. A. C. Bradford, of No. 39. M. M. Estee, of No. 123. Leon D. Freer, of No. 47.
<i>Committee on Mileage</i>	{ C. O. Burton, of No. 6. Lewis Soher, of No. 44. Robert Irwin, of No. 17. John H. Whaley, of No. 85. Barlow Dyer, of No. 106.

On motion of Grand Rep. Gunnison, the above appointments were confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master then named the following Past Grands as District Deputy Grand Masters:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

- District No. 1, J. W. Gherry, San Francisco, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 15, 17, 29, 131, and Degree Lodge No. 2.
- District No. 2, W. Girzikowsky, San Francisco, comprising Lodges Nos. 13, 116, 122, 145, and Degree Lodge No. 4.
- District No. 3, H. K. Snow, Sacramento, comprising Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 8, 62, 87, 111, 157, and Degree Lodge No. 3.
- District No. 4, Thos. B. Harper, Lincoln, comprising Lodges Nos. 7, 107.
- District No. 5, John C. Bradley, Marysville, comprising Lodges Nos. 5, 45.
- District No. 6, John Ponhall, Meadow Lake, comprising Lodge No. 125.
- District No. 7, J. E. G. Bigger, Stockton, comprising Lodges Nos. 6, 11, 98, 102, 134, and Degree Lodge No. 1.
- District No. 8, Elijah Murdock, Sonora, comprising Lodges Nos. 10, 21, 58, 82, 97.
- District No. 9, C. W. Dannals, Sweetland, comprising Lodges Nos. 12, 16, 26, 67.
- District No. 10, William Kesey, Lower Lake, comprising Lodges Nos. 130, 150.
- District No. 11, Henry Atwater, Moore's Flat; comprising Lodges Nos. 48, 126.
- District No. 12, O. D. Reed, Latrobe, comprising Lodges Nos. 9, 20, 27, 37, 56, 63, 89.
- District No. 13, Joseph Taylor, Michigan City, comprising Lodges Nos. 14, 38, 40, 55, 73, 108, 120.
- District No. 14, Wm. R. Brown, Napa, comprising Lodges Nos. 18, 28.
- District No. 15, J. A. Clarke, Vacaville, comprising Lodges Nos. 22, 43, 78, 83.
- District No. 16, G. W. Walraven, Chico, comprising Lodges Nos. 47, 59, 92, 113.
- District No. 17, D. A. McFarland, Howland's Flat, comprising Lodges Nos. 49, 80, 91, 127.
- District No. 18, John Weil, Downieville, comprising Lodges Nos. 24, 32, 54.
- District No. 19, O. N. Morse, Ione City, comprising Lodges Nos. 25, 31, 36, 51, 79.
- District No. 20, J. H. Dibble, Santa Clara, comprising Lodges Nos. 34, 52, 142, 154.
- District No. 21, Geo. Chittenden, Hornitas, comprising Lodges Nos. 39, 99, 104, 110.
- District No. 22, Geo. R. Knox, Shasta, comprising Lodges Nos. 57, 75, 141.
- District No. 23, T. C. Harvey, Angel's Camp, comprising Lodges Nos. 33, 68, 86, 106.

- District No. 24, George Buck, Tuolumne City, comprising Lodges Nos. 65, 121, 149.
- District No. 25, L. Ellsworth, Petaluma, comprising Lodges Nos. 30, 53, 64.
- District No. 26, F. G. Hearn, Yreka, comprising Lodges Nos. 19, 70, 115.
- District No. 27, J. J. Dickenson, Crescent City, comprising Lodge No. 41.
- District No. 28, Henry F. Johnson, Red Bluff, comprising Lodge No. 76.
- District No. 29, J. A. Whaley, Arcata, comprising Lodges No. 77, 85.
- District No. 30, H. Wartenberg, Los Angeles, comprising Lodges Nos. 35, 138.
- District No. 31, J. C. Dorr, Trinity Centre, comprising Lodges Nos. 61, 84.
- District No. 32, Fred Sieg, Placerville, comprising Lodge No. 74.
- District No. 33, George Otto, Santa Cruz, comprising Lodges Nos. 90, 96, 137, 147.
- District No. 34, J. A. Foster, San Andreas, comprising Lodges Nos. 44, 50, 66, 158.
- District No. 35, M. Stinchfield, Colusa, comprising Lodge No. 133.
- District No. 36, A. L. Fuller, Haywoods, comprising Lodges Nos. 63, 114, 118, 129, 144, and Degree Lodge No. 5.
- District No. 37, C. W. Bowman, Visalia, comprising Lodge No. 94.
- District No. 38, Augustus Walters, Sawyer's Bar, comprising Lodge No. 101.
- District No. 39, Philander McMahan, Colfax, comprising Lodges Nos. 46, 81, 132, 139.
- District No. 40, C. W. Wiccox, Wheatland, comprising Lodge No. 100.
- District No. 41, L. C. Charles, Quincy, comprising Lodges Nos. 88, 136.
- District No. 42, Adolph Heilbron, Sacramento, comprising Lodge No. 105.
- District No. 43, H. K. Turner, Sierra Valley, comprising Lodge No. 140.
- District No. 44, Curtis Baird, Redwood City, comprising Lodges Nos. 109, 143.
- District No. 45, Thomas M. Davis, San Juan South, comprising Lodges Nos. 152, 159.
- District No. 46, J. S. Drummond, Victoria, V. I., comprising Lodge No. 1, Vancouver Island.
- District No. 47, C. S. Bartow, Honolulu, comprising Lodge No. 1, Sandwich Islands.
- District No. 48, E. D. Black, Markleeville, comprising Lodge No. 119.
- District No. 49, A. Thurber, Pacheco, comprising Lodges Nos. 117, 128, 151.
- District No. 50, Z. N. Spaulding, Susanville, comprising Lodge No. 135.
- District No. 51, J. M. Foy, San Bernardino, comprising Lodge No. 146.
- District No. 52, E. Cohen, Havilah, comprising Lodge No. 148.
- District No. 53, J. R. Porter, San Diego, comprising Lodge No. 153.
- District No. 54, Crowson Smith, Santa Barbara, comprising Lodge No. 156.
- District No. 55, A. Block, San Francisco, comprising Lodges Nos. 71, 112, 123, 124, 155.

On motion of Rep. Fox, of No. 109, the appointment of D. D. Grand Masters were confirmed.

The Business of the Grand Lodge having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Master, John B. Harmon, arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER JOHN B. HARMON.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS: Until now I had not fully realized the duties of this office. I had supposed that I thoroughly understood and felt them; but not till within the last half hour did I see how utterly impossible it is for any man engaged in active business, to discharge the duties of Grand Master of this jurisdiction as they ought to be discharged. As my mind glances into the coming year, the field of exertion in behalf of Odd Fellowship seems illimitable; and I know that the most that can be done is to scatter a little good seed here and there, and pray that by the blessing of God it will take root and spring up a hundred fold.

BROTHERS: The things we have seen and heard here to night are precious memories that will never die. Such words, such acts, such emotions, such tears, constitute all that is valuable in life. The eye of man looking kindly into the eye of a brother; soul speaking to soul; the affections that cluster around the hearth stone with wife and children; and the secret communings of man with his maker; these things make up life. All else is as the idle wind—passing away, none knoweth where. All else is ambition, rivalry, disappointment, vexation of spirit; canker in the heart.

Another year has closed; another year has just begun. Has *closed!* What a thought! That the year has absolutely gone forever: I grasp at it as it goes by, but in vain. The record is written; the deeds are done; and there in the heavens they will stand until in the last great day, the Book is opened and we are compelled to see and read them. An awful thought, that what is writ, is writ! that all the waters of earth cannot wash out a single deed done—a single thought—a single wish—a single emotion.

The future is before us. The new year is ours. The canvas is untouched by pencil or brush. What shall we paint there? things of beauty that shall live forever? or deeds of darkness, that like bloodstains will not out? Brothers: let us work. The mighty principle of human brotherhood—human affection—a common journey in life—a common home hereafter, is our pole star; and let us follow it with eager step. We *must* follow it; we cannot stand still. Remember that if you are an idler by the wayside this year; if you lay supinely down and refuse to work in the great cause of humanity as you are pledged to do; not only will others gather the harvest which might have been yours, but the record of your idleness and faithlessness to your vows, will be written down upon your Judge's Book.

And we must *all* work; not alone the Grand Master, but the occupants of all these official chairs, and the occupant of every seat on this floor. I call earnestly upon my brother at my right, the Deputy Grand Master, not to sit listlessly by, and force me, while I reap the honors of my position and enjoy its pleasures, to do all the work, but to go forth into the great field before us, and share with me the burden and heat of the day. I call upon my brother yonder, the Grand Warden, to put his shoulder to the wheel, and to join us in the glorious work; and I ask my brother there, the Grand Chaplain, to watch over us and to pray for us.

Nay, more; I call upon the Past Grand Masters around me not to forget that they are still Odd Fellows, and to be, during the next twelve months, live men in the cause. Upon him who has just vacated this chair, I feel that I have an especial right to call; he is fresh in his honors. The scene we have just witnessed ought to keep his heart warm; and, although the extraordinary epidemic which prevailed during near nine months of his official term, prevented him, as a physician, from doing as much in the order as he otherwise would have done, still I can assure him that this Grand Lodge appreciates him as a solid working brother.

A grand era is opening. The railroad is done. Our brothers and friends are coming from New England, the land where sleep the fathers and mothers of some of us; they are coming from the south where war has desolated the old home; they are coming from the west, where empire is; and we shall greet them with open arms, and renew our youth. They, in turn, will go back refreshed and strengthened for life's struggle. Having traversed a Continent; looked out through the Golden Gate upon the mighty ocean that washes our shores; mingled with men from every nation under the sun; having dropped some of their old ideas and imbibed new ones; in a word having become tolerant and cosmopolitan in head and heart, they will return new men, ready to do their part in making the whole nation a homogeneous people.

Among the civilizing agencies of the day, our Order stands pre-eminent. All its principles are in accord with the most advanced ideas of human progress. It is an organized power. Its system of charity is unsurpassed. It expends annually more money for the relief of distress than any other institution, and still its treasury is full—a living testimony to the truth of its principles and the wisdom of their administration. It is emphatically an American system. Our government is based upon the model of National and State Governments. We have our subordinate Lodges, our State Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodge of the United States. The real strength of the Order is in the mass of its working members. Their votes make the Grand Lodge; this on the other hand, wields the vast power committed to it with a justice and sense and humanity which challenge our admiration.

But I must pause; I see in your faces that it is pleasant for us to linger here. Still the last word must be spoken. We part. We shall not all meet again. Who will be missing? Of whom will it be my lot, at the end of the year, to announce that he has gone from among us? Or will some one of you stand here in place of him whom you have this night installed Grand Master, and record his name among the dead? None can tell. God alone knows.

This is sure; we shall not all come, and it is also sure that of those who do come, some will come sad and weary, broken in health or fortune; or they will come wifeless, childless, fatherless, motherless, brotherless or sisterless. You may again sit in this hall, but some of you will be like the old oak leafless and branchless, scarred and riven by the lightnings and storms.

As we grow older we know and feel these things. Those of us who, for ten or fifteen years, have come up to this yearly feast, miss familiar faces. Parker, with his ringing laugh and last joke, is not here; and Bohen, with his pleasant smile, and sober thoughtfulness is gone. The memory of the times we have met and parted, is a leaf in our book of life that we would not tear out for all the gold of the world. Brothers, I put my arm around each one of you and say good-bye; God bless you and protect you the coming year.

At 9:35 o'clock P.M. the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of California, after prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, closed its Seventeenth Annual Session in *ample form.*

Rogers Johnson

Grand Secretary.



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- No. 12— Roberts, Edmund W.
Toothaker, W. H.
*Hooper, Aaron
*Stephensou, Wm. M.
- No. 13—*Anthos, Peter
Bohn, John
*Biter, John
Heitman, N.
Jung, N.
Moening, G.
Mysell, J. G.
Sander, P.
- No. 14— Taylor, Joseph
Weske, Adolph
- No. 15— Cammet, John
Corner, Chas. W.
*Dann, F. P.
Dean, B. D.
Londerback, D.
McClelland, D. D.
McKenna, T. D.
*Marshall, James D.
Porter, Nathan
Reed, John S.
Rutherford, F. A.
Squire, Henry C.
*Studley, S. S.
Williams, Franklin
- No. 16— Marsh, Charles
Spence, E. F.
- No. 17— Bluxome, Isaac
Garwood, Geo. M.
Gates, H. S.
*Hobe, Geo. J.
Irvin, Robt.
Johnson, J. B.
Johnson, J. C.
Leppien, F.
Miller, Jacob F.
Pidwell, C. T.
Pratt, L. E.
Stillman, J. D. B.
*Titcomb, J. H.
Wadhams, L.
- No. 18— Boynton, E. N.
- No. 19— Hearn, Fleming G.
- No. 20—*Hornblower, F. A.
Burns, W. S.
Anderson, James M.
- No. 21— Parsons, Edmond
- No. 24— Weil, John
*Byington, Lewis
*Steele, Thos. W.
- No. 25—*Whitney, J. W.
*Hartman, Steward S.
Kingsley, Edward A.
- No. 26—*Flint, George.
- No. 27— Mortenson, Ernst
- No. 27—*Shields, M.
- No. 28—*Hudson, Wm.
- No. 29— Phillips, J. K.
Stern, Herman
Lufkin, Joseph
Falk, Adolph
Cohen, Simon
Schultz, Herman
*Suskind, Ernest
*Hansell, Wm E.
- No. 30—*Primm, H.
*Sloper, Wm.
- No. 31— Brown, James A.
- No. 32— Hickox, John H.
*Johnson, Thos. B.
- No. 33— Harvey, Thos. C.
- No. 34—*Gerdes, Dick
Schoen, Louis
- No. 35— Wartenberg, H.
*Tleishman, H. J
- No. 36— Kelly, Amos S.
*Robinson, John A.
*Littlefield, Nathan T.
*Ford, H. D.
- No. 37— Patton, Thos. B.
McClane, Lewis B.
- No. 38—*Solomon, Louis
*Volland, Chas.
- No. 39— Bradford, A. C.
Harris, John F.
- No. 40—*Vail, John
- No. 43—*Poore, Geo. A.
O'Brien, Ed. W.
Aspinall, W.
- No. 44— Soher, Lewis
Foster, W. F.
McKinney, C. P.
*Depew, Wm. S.
- No. 45— Bradley, John C.
Crane, Lemuel T.
*Jenkins, Chas. N.
Matthews, John M.
Torrey, Abner W.
*Welch, Lyman S.
- No. 46—*Combs, Milton
Barker, Wm. C.
- No. 47— Freer, Leon D.
Freisleben, D. N.
- No. 48— Atwater, Henry
- No. 49—*Jacobs, John J.
Hendell, C. W.
- No. 50— Sloss, G. E.
*Foster, J. A.
*Miller, Wm. H.
- No. 51—*Morse, O. N.
Fox, Wm. H.
- No. 52—*Senix, Thos H.
*Barney, James G.

- *King, E. W.
 Dibble, J. H.
 No. 53—*Bish, Abraham
 *Eliason, William A.
 No. 54—*Johnson, Henry S.
 No. 55—*Blackburn, Joseph
 No. 56—*Remick, M. N.
 No. 57—Knox, Geo. R.
 *Wilhelm, Geo. M.
 No. 58—Murdock, E.
 No. 59—*Eisenhart, Daniel
 No. 61—Bachelder, Wm. H.
 Gordon, David E.
 *McGowen, Cornelius
 No. 62—*Stamper, Joseph W.
 Bishop, Charles
 No. 63—Reed, O. D.
 *Hitchcock, Aaron C.
 No. 66—McDonald, Daniel
 No. 67—Brown, J. P.
 Matteson, J. E.
 No. 68—*Matteson, T. J.
 No. 70—*Brown, Edward V.
 No. 71—*Briggs, Edgar
 Cerf, Jules
 Hagen, Benjamin
 Kozminsky, Herman
 Ordenstein, Ber'd
 Greenebaum, Louis
 No. 73—*Ackerman, John Q.
 Long, Henry
 *Raulet, Chas. H.
 No. 74—Degelman, John
 No. 75—*Wheeler, Francis W.
 No. 76—*Fickett, C. W.
 No. 77—Cox, James M.
 *Jackson, Chas.
 No. 78—*Davisson, W. G.
 *Long, Peter
 *Apgar, Richard M.
 No. 79—Ostrem, I. E.
 No. 80—Barnes, B. W.
 No. 81—*Coffin, Isaac T.
 *Thomas, E. M.
 No. 82—Pitman, S.
 No. 83—Long, Richard
 Clark, James A.
 *Towson, Wm. B.
 No. 84—*Dorr, J. C.
 No. 85—Whaley, John A.
 No. 86—*Reese, Fred.
 No. 87—Hill, Wm. H.
 Norman, R. B.
 McClintock, John M.
 Snow, H. K.
 Smith, James E.
 *Whitney, A. D.
 White, E. F.
 No. 88—*Davis, Amos O.
 No. 89—Titus, Samuel J.
 No. 90—Holbrook, Lucius D.
 No. 91—*Davis, Joseph S.
 No. 93—*Hayse, William
 Dyer, Ephraim
 No. 94—Thomas, Chas. L.
 *Bowman, Chas. W.
 No. 96—*Towne, J. W.
 *Robbins, R. S.
 Wanzer, James O.
 Otto, George
 No. 97—*Meeken, A. G.
 No. 98—*Axtell, S. H.
 *Livinsky, John
 No. 99—Chittenden, Geo.
 *Zeis, Geo.
 No. 100—*Willcox, Chas. W.
 *Oakley, A. W.
 No. 101—Davis, Daniel
 *Walter, Augustus
 No. 102—Bernard, Stephen
 No. 105—*Hollfelder, P.
 *Lehman, August
 Salle, Gustave
 *Lothammer, Louis
 Korn, Lewis
 No. 106—*Dyer, Barlow
 *Baker, J. M.
 *Millner, J. F.
 No. 107—*Preble, Chas. S.
 No. 108—Parker, Alonzo P.
 No. 109—Fox, Chas. N.
 Baird, Curtis
 Scofield, H. A.
 Teague, Andrew
 No. 110—*Hunt, Ethridge
 No. 111—*Frost, C. S.
 Wyckoff, N.
 No. 112—Benjamin, W. K.
 Genuug, A. W.
 Hoerber, Henry
 Myrick, Thos. S.
 Pulsipher, Orrin
 *Shaw, Le. F. A.
 Wade, C. H.
 Yeager, Thos. T.
 No. 114—Salz, Jacob
 *Moulton, O. P
 No. 115—*Diggles, Henry G.
 No. 116—Richter, John A
 Bahrs, Andrew
 Doeger, Charles
 *Holling, Chas. H.
 *Dunker, Ernst
 Frank, Isaac
 Buttner, H.
 Saalburg, S.

- No. 117—Loucks, Geo. P.
 *Davis, R. G.
 *Thurber, Alfred
- No. 118—*Smith, George
- No. 119—*Black, E. D.
- No. 120—*Smith, William
- No. 121—*Wilson, Lewis P.
- No. 122—Ahrens, H.
 Von Staden, John
 *Brungen, Fred.
 *Girzikousky, Wm.
- No. 123—Norcross, W. F.
 *Burnett, G. G.
 Smith, S. H.
 *Hastings, E. O. F.
 Estee, M. M.
 Meeker, David
- No. 124—Bartlett, Washington
 Culver, C. B.
 Tilden, H. J.
 Day, Albert Ogden
 *Hyland, H. J.
 *Strain, R. R.
- No. 125—*Neagle, Richard W.
- No. 126—*Vandusen, Lafayette
- No. 127—McFarland, David A.
- No. 128—Williams, John H.
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- No. 129—*Smith, Geo. E.
 *Blackwood, Wm. C.
 Fuller, Amos L.
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- No. 131—*Tinker, Gilbert
 *Coffin, R. W.

- No. 132—McMahan, Philander
- No. 133—Stinchfield, M.
 *Culp, A. S.
- No. 135—Spalding, Z. N.
- No. 136—*Grass, Samuel S.
- No. 137—*Cummings, D. J.
 *Bischel, Henry
- No. 139—*Stone, Joel A.
 *Beeves, N. A.
- No. 140—Turner, H. K.
- No. 141—*Ellis, John
- No. 143—Sonedecker, S. W.
- No. 144—Dwinelle, J. W.
 Seymour, J. H.
 Walker, Geo. R.
- No. 145—*Kittelberger, Chas.
 Schelkly, Max
- No. 146—*Foy, John M.
- No. 147—Taylor, A. T.
- No. 148—*Cohen, Elias
- No. 149—Walden, Minor
- No. 150—*Farmer, William
- No. 152—*George Pace
- No. 154—*Wilson, A. A.
- No. 155—Bohen, Geo. T.
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 McLaren, Daniel
 Iredale, A. S.
- No. 157—*Ford, T. P.
- No. 158—Taylor, Edwin
- No. 159—Davis, Thomas M.
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- No. 1, S. I.—*Bartow, Cornelius S.

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- No. 16—*Herrick, E. D.
 McKelvey, A. C.
- No. 17—*Massey, Atkins
- No. 24—*Fish, Isaac B.
- No. 30—*Warner, G.
 *Wickersham, J. C.
- No. 41—*Gordon, David P.
- No. 50—*Beames, James
- No. 52—Billings, J. M.
 *Dibble, R. H.
 *Stephens, W. H.
- No. 53—*Pettit, A. P.

- No. 58—*Thompson, John
- No. 59—*Mullner, Frank
- No. 63—Hitchcock, Thomas
- No. 73—Bradford, E. W.
- No. 76—*French, Frank J.
- No. 82—*Shipley, Robert
- No. 87—Hatch, F. W.
- No. 94—*Goldstein, Isaac
- No. 96—Wolf, D. B.
- No. 98—*Clause, R. M.
 Rutan, J.
- No. 111—*Steiner, A. J.
- No. 117—*Gambbs, John
- No. 119—*Ransom, J. C.
- No. 123—Stanley, F. H.
- No. 129—*Meek, Wm.
- No. 130—Kesey, W.
- No. 155—Benson, James
 *Kothmeyer, W. A.
 Langley, Chas.
 Morrill, O. G.
 Winterburn, Joseph

NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES

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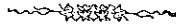
Lodge is entitled to as per returns, Dec. 31, 1868,

AT THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of the R. M. Grand Lodge of the State of California,

CONVENING AT

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 4, 1869,



No.	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	No. Reps.	No. P.G's
1.	California	313	11	40
2.	Sacramento	245	9	33
3.	San Francisco	274	10	39
4.	Eureka	144	6	23
5.	Yuba	170	6	21
6.	Charity	158	6	39
7.	Auburn	54	3	14
8.	El Dorado	143	6	20
9.	Diamond Springs.	26	2	6
10.	Sonora	83	4	15
11.	Stockton.	128	5	22
12.	Grass Valley	90	4	23
13.	Harmony	319	11	34
14.	Mountain	35	2	12
15.	Yerba Buena.	506	18	43
16.	Oustomah.	81	4	18
17.	Templar.	412	15	44
18.	Napa	57	3	10
19.	Yreka	70	3	11
20.	Morning Star.	112	5	17
21.	Tuolumne	58	3	15
22.	Solano	34	2	7
24.	Sierra	75	3	13
25.	Volcano	71	3	20
26.	Mountain Rose.	18	1	3
27.	Coloma.	27	2	15

No.	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	No. Reps.	No. P.G.'s
28.	Sonoma	21	2	9
29.	Magnolia	221	8	15
30.	Petaluma	109	4	23
31.	Sutter Creek	78	3	15
32.	Forest City	48	2	9
33.	Hope	32	2	9
34.	San Jose	92	4	15
35.	Los Angeles	80	3	10
36.	Jackson	82	4	18
37.	Memento	39	2	13
38.	Placer	32	2	9
39.	Mariposa	75	3	12
40.	Washington	22	2	4
41.	Klamath	22	2	11
43.	San Pablo	58	3	14
44.	Mokelumne	90	4	19
45.	Oriental	176	7	17
46.	Brooklyn	64	3	13
47.	Bidwell	75	3	16
48.	Union	46	2	12
49.	Table Rock	45	2	6
50.	San Andreas	52	3	12
51.	Ione	30	2	7
52.	Santa Clara	82	4	21
53.	Santa Rosa	51	3	12
54.	Mistletoe	26	2	7
55.	Minerva	35	2	10
56.	Polar Star	34	2	7
57.	Shasta	60	3	18
58.	Mount Horeb	40	2	14
59.	Oroville	75	3	9
61.	North Star	57	3	16
62.	Granite	67	3	10
63.	Cosumnes	31	2	6
64.	Healdsburg	47	2	13
65.	La Fayette	26	2	4
66.	Campo Seco	28	2	9
67.	San Juan	111	5	22
68.	Big Tree	17	1	7
70.	Mount Shasta	56	3	8
71.	Bay City	189	7	28
73.	Covenant	54	3	16
74.	Franklin	44	2	14
75.	French Gulch	23	2	9

No.	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	No. Reps.	No. P.G.'s
76.	Red Bluff.	58.	3.	13
77.	Humboldt	65.	3.	15
78.	Suisun.	62.	3.	16
79.	Telegraph.	29.	2.	6
80.	Alturas	53.	3.	12
81.	Olive	70.	3.	13
82.	Mountain Brow	35.	2.	11
83.	Vacaville	58.	3.	15
84.	Comet	20.	1.	6
85.	Anniversary.	58.	3.	13
86.	Sharon	23.	2.	11
87.	Capital	174.	7.	20
88.	Plumas	39.	2.	5
89.	Morning Light	23.	2.	10
90.	Pajaro.	47.	2.	14
91.	Pilot Peak	19.	1.	10
92.	Cherokee	15.	1.	9
93.	Crusado	37.	2.	13
94.	Four Creeks	45.	2.	7
96.	Branciforte	106.	4.	17
97.	Yo Semite	19.	1.	7
98.	Jefferson	46.	2.	11
99.	Hornitas.	29.	2.	9
100.	Sutter	44.	2.	10
101.	Marion	24.	2.	9
102.	Seio	46.	2.	11
104.	Coulterville	31.	2.	7
105.	Schiller	125.	5.	10
106.	Mineral.	53.	3.	6
107.	Valley	41.	2.	5
108.	American	14.	1.	7
109.	Bay View	82.	4.	12
110.	Oso	44.	2.	7
111.	Woodland	53.	3.	10
112.	Abou Ben Adhem.	223.	8.	21
113.	Chico.	71.	3.	8
114.	Mission Peak	32.	2.	9
115.	Fort Jones.	48.	2.	7
116.	Germania	214.	8.	12
117.	Pacheco	67.	3.	10
118.	Oakland	120.	5.	10
119.	Webster	62.	3.	5
120.	Bald Mountain	17.	1.	5
121.	Willow	46.	2.	6

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No.	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	No. Reps.	No. P.G.'s
122.	Concordia	207	8	6
123.	Apollo	198	7	19
124.	Parker	195	7	20
125.	Meadow Lake	24	2	3
126.	Samaritan	21	2	4
127.	Summit	38	2	5
128.	Mount Diablo	59	3	5
129.	Sycamore	65	3	3
130.	Clear Lake	44	2	5
131.	Unity	62	3	3
132.	Colfax	21	2	4
133.	Colusa	60	3	4
134.	Progressive	30	2	2
135.	Silver Star	26	2	3
136.	Indian Valley	38	2	5
137.	Soquel	28	2	3
138.	Bohen	26	2	1
139.	Gold Run	29	2	4
140.	Mountain Vale	14	1	2
141.	Millville	37	2	1
142.	Garden City	51	3	5
143.	Ocean View	18	1	1
144.	University	64	3	5
145.	Hermann	59	3	1
146.	San Bernardino	47	2	1
147.	San Lorenzo	83	4	6
148.	Havilah	27	2	
149.	Willey		1	
150.	Friendship		1	
151.	San Joaquin		1	
152.	Salinas		1	
1.	Victoria, V. I.	117	5	8
1.	Excelsior, S. I.	46	2	13
Total,		10,766	486	1696

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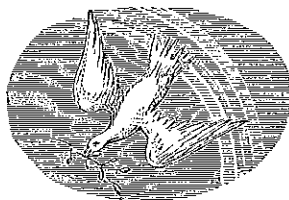
ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
OF
THE DEGREE OF REBEKAH,
CONFERRED ON
WIVES AND WIDOWS OF MEMBERS,

TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1868.

LODGES.	No.	DATE.	NAMES.
California.....	1	April 2	Mrs. Chas. McCormick.
Sacramento...	2	June 9	" Louisa Garsey, John Longabaugh, J. W. Littlefield, Geo. H. Jost.
San Francisco.	3	April 2	" H. S. Loveland.
		May 17	" Harry F. Swain.
Eureka.....	4	June 9	" L. S. Taylor.
Yuba.....	5	Mar. 13	" Wm. G. Murphy.
Auburn.....	7	June 14	" Thomas Jamison, Samuel Speedy.
El Dorado....	8	Feb. 10	" B. B. Jackson, H. B. Nielson.
Sonora.....	10	April 9	" A. Carkeek.
Oustomah.....	16	April 4	" Edward F. Spence.
Templar.....	17	April 2	" Benj. Allen.
Morning Star.	20	June 7	" John Bradshaw, W. W. Cowan, F. N. Spencer, G. Hopkins, R. Jacobson, S. Weaver.
		Oct. 13	" P. G. Noyes and wife, of Silver City Lodge, No. 2.
Tuolumne....	21	April 21	" Eliza Jane Gorham, Amanda Spencer.
Sierra.....	24	April 6	" J. W. Brown, Jacob Kropfli, J. D. Olin, Lorenz Nesler, C. C. Darling, Samuel Tyna, Isaac Craig.
Volcano.....	25	June 28	" James Hall, A. Petty.
Magnolia.....	29	May 10	" Louis Levy, Wm. Taylor, R. Meyerhoff, Ignaz Schmidt, Jacob Briel, Sam Lavantbal, Geo. Torrens, J. D. Kimball, Wm. McClure.
Hope.....	33	April 1	" Mary L. Harvey, E. McGaffey.
Los Angeles..	35	Jan. 5	" Elias Cohn, Benj. Katz, Simon Benjamin.
		Mar. 1	" Vincent Gelcich, Wm. H. Peterson, Louis Roeder.
Jackson.....	36	Mar. 28	" L. J. Dozay, James Avis, Fred. Balls, H. I. Joy.

LODGES.	No.	DATE.	NAMES.
Memento	37	Feb. 3	Mrs. O. H. Burnham, Wm. Bachi, Aretus Wilton.
		June 21	" H. D. Robb.
Klamath	41	Jan. 20	" John A. Brown, Martin V. Jones, John Miller.
Bidwell	47	Mar. 10	" Elizabeth Bates.
		April 7	" Maria Mitchel.
Ione	51	April 26	" Margaret Morse, Mary A. Dutschke, Elizabeth J. Baker.
Polar Star	56	April 27	" Eliza Carr.
Oroville	59	Mar. 10	" D. P. Carter, E. Marks, A. Hempel, A. Whiting, R. Winter, J. A. Martin, G. W. France.
		April 7	" J. P. Leonard, C. H. Wilcox, Geo. C. Perkins, J. M. Vance, Jno. J. Smith, T. G. Smith, Chas. H. Gray, R. L. Hamilton, John J. Buckius.
Granite	62	June 27	" Geo. Little, Jacob Gable, Robert Mills, William Carpenter.
Lafayette	65	Jan. 26	" J. B. Gillham.
		April 19	" A. H. Davis.
Campo Seco	66	Feb. 1	" Thos. Park.
San Juan	67	June 11	" M. E. Cavin, Geo. Dalton, John Prior, John Carmichael, E. W. Koch.
Bay City	71	April 2	" C. C. Keene.
Covenant	73	Feb. 14	" Charlotte Gehrman, Katharine Schmutzler.
Red Bluff	76	Jan. 18	" Henry F. Johnson.
		April 25	" Godfrid Kuhn.
		May 7	" D. W. Ide.
Humboldt	77	May 28	" Augustus Cottrell, C. Luther, Thos. Baird, Wm. S. Little, B. C. Sinclair, Robert Searls, E. T. Basber, W. S. Kapple.
Suisun	78	April 12	" Eliza A. Wilson, Sarah J. Price, Adaline Pangburn.
Anniversary	85	April 23	" C. Booth, A. Ramsey, L. Balsehmidt.
Capitol	87	Feb. 11	" A. W. Hopkins, D. H. Quinn.
Plumas	88	May 1	" John S. Root, James Dempster, James H. Yates, James E. Edwards, Amos O. Davis, Levin C. Charles, Wm. H. Christman.
Cherokee	92	April 25	" — Lafavre, — Lewis.
Four Creeks	94	Mar. 22	" N. F. Flood, E. P. Hart, J. B. O'Conner.
Hornitas	99	Mar. 22	" McH. Morrison.
Sutter	100	June 6	" E. W. Sheets, N. Lohse, A. Critser, L. B. Comstock, J. R. Murphy.
Schiller	105	June 30	" B. Hinr. Hansche, Adam Kinkel, Hinr. Goepel.
Mineral	106	Jan. 6	" Amelia Baker, Sarah N. Dyer, Ellen Briggs.
		May 3	" M. E. Godfrey, G. B. Zaiss.
Bay View	109	Feb. 10	" C. A. Kerkpatrick, S. H. Snyder, R. L. Westbrook.
Woodland	111	April 27	" Mary Fisher, Lucinda Stiner.
Abou Ben Ad'm	112	April 2	" Jos. P. LeCount, Jos. M. Bowers, W. J. Nichols, John Phillips, Henry H. Earle.

LODGES.	No.	DATE.	NAMES.
Chico.....	113	April 14	Mrs. A. S. Furnell.
		May 16	" Christopher Wilrich, S. Bowman.
		June 5	" Henry Wallet.
Pacheco	117	June 21	" M. Barthel, W. T. Hendrick.
Webster	119	April 26	" J. M. Brown, A. M. Grover, W. P. Merrill, H. W. Bagley, J. C. Musser.
			" Deborah Ramsey, Narcissa A. Jamison.
Willow.	121	April 25	" S. Barnett, Commodore Mowett, Baird Lyons, James W. Henderson.
Parker.....	124	July 16	" F. F. Marker, A. F. Mason, H. F. Wilkin- son, B. F. Clappitt, E. Bagger.
			" David Mathews, George Sayer.
Samaritan ...	126	April 26	" Susan Tregellis, Elizabeth Dainty, Naomi Davis, Amanda Clarke.
Summit.....	127	June 28	" John C. Crigler.
Mount Diablo.	128	May 3	" Mary J. Holloway, M. K. Alansley.
			" James Laws.
Clear Lake....	130	June 17	" Hermann Popp, Frederick Beekman, Y. A. Campbell.
		June 30	" J. H. Byers, A. J. Johnson, J. H. Leining, L. C. Flanders, S. P. Sabin, E. E. Thrift, P. Cahill, Mary A. Smith.
Unity.....	131	April 2	" Sister Wilson.
		April 16	" John S. Ward, B. F. Sheldon.
Colusa.	133	April 27	" Helen M. Kingsley (widow), Jacob W. Smith, A. A. Smith.
		Mar. 13	" D. Knoch.
Progressive ...	134	April 22	" H. K. Turner, E. R. Albee, Thornton F. Battelle, Joseph Enscoe.
			" David Eiler, Thomas J. Simpson, Andrew J. Wilch.
Silver Star....	135	Feb. 6	" J. W. Williams, Fred'k Williams, N. J. Hicks.
		Mar. 26	
Mountain....	140	April 16	
		June 14	
Millville	141	Mar. 22	
Victoria, V. I..	1	April 5	



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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
OF
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TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1868.

LODGES.	No.	DATE.	NAMES.
Sacramento ...	2	Dec. 29	Mrs. Benjamin Estabrook, Nelson Wilcot, H. B. Cotting and Joseph Shapee.
Eureka	4	Dec. 31	" Louis Weber and Anthony Wilson.
El Dorado ...	8	Dec. 31	" J. Middlemiss, Thomas Riedlington, S. J. Perry, S. P. Lorenson.
Templar	17	Dec. 31	" George G. W. Morgan.
Volcano	25	Nov. 8	" C. B. Goodrich, R. D. Miller, J. Stainer.
Petaluma.	30	Dec. 12	" J. E. Gwinn, A. A. Prescott, E. Newbery, B. Bowman, H. B. Hasbrouck, M. Weber.
		Dec. 26	" J. H. Knowles, J. Fritz, F. E. McNear.
Sutter Creek..	31	July 27	" D. T. Davis, Thomas Davis, J. R. Davis, F. Labin.
		Sept. 22	" A. J. Burnes.
		Nov. 28	" H. Rees, Wm. Palmer, J. Steinmetz.
		Dec. 6	" E. H. Wilson.
Forest City....	32	Nov. 23	" Ernest Miller, Samuel Trelour.
San Jose	34	Dec. 15	" H. Smith, Elizabeth McIlroy, Mrs. Keys, N. Hayes, W. A. Lewis, A. Freanz.
Los Angeles...	35	Nov. 22	" M. Kremer, C. Diller, H. Heintsch, Eugene Meyer, A. Janglins, Samuel Cohn, A. W. Edelman, John Schumacher.
Jackson.	36	Dec. 21	" Otto Walther, T. A. Springer, Joseph Idiens, A. Garbrino.
Placer	38	Aug. 7	" Lavenia May, Mary E. Bisbee.
Mokelumne. ...	44	Aug. 23	" S. S. Moser, Thomas Brown.
Brooklyn	46	Aug. 30	" Mary Norco.
		Sept. 20	" Mary Lewis, Jennie Flagg, Maria Sutliff.
Table Rock ...	49	Sept. 20	" William Stahl, Ed. Bowen, W. Williams, George Gourd, G. T. Botting, D. Corbett, E. J. Jones, D. E. Thomas.

LODGES.	No.	DATE.	NAMES.
Ione	51	Nov. 10	Mrs. James McCanly, Moses Meyer.
Minerva	55	Feb. 15	" Maggie Hall.
Polar Star	56	Dec. 20	" Mary Falker.
Covenant	73	July 17	" Eliza Remler, Catherina Berenbruck and Mathilda Mund.
Franklin	74	Oct. 11	" Mrs. M. Meyer.
and for	20	Oct. 11	" Fred. Ludinghans.
Olive	81	Dec. 8	" N. W. Blanchard, R. Hudepohl, J. A. C. Smith, James Teaff, E. Bush, D. E. Smart, R. W. Walters, John Hoos.
Mount'in Brow	82	.....	" F. Scars, A. T. Bartlett.
Sharon	86	Oct. 28	" John Mayle, John Reutor.
Capitol	87	Sept. 8	" W. B. Ready.
		Dec. 30	" Royal Preston, W. V. Frazier.
Plumas	88	July 1	" Henry W. Kellogg, Richard Thompson.
Branciforte	96	Dec. 13	" C. W. Williams, Otto Deising, R. S. Robbins, G. Mageria.
Mineral	106	July 12	" Adelaide Bambauer, Eliza James, Elizabeth Barber, Bolonia Goldamacena.
Bay View	109	Sept. 7	" H. A. Scofield, J. Field, W. J. Welburn, Jacob Weaver.
Chico	113	Oct. 3	" D. C. Hicks, H. C. Compton.
Pacheco	117	July 18	" E. Hook, John Larkey, W. A. Smith, S. H. Whitmore, J. G. Tilton
Oakland	118	Nov. 3	" Charles Barton, F. Dohrman, S. P. Knight, D. Vogh.
Bald Mountain	120	July 31	" Pauline Hendershott.
Concordia	122	Dec. 13	" F. Braenges, J. Krohn, E. Kutter, J. E. Kinsmann, J. Faber, H. Wulf, F. J. Gruenwald, H. Schmadeke.
Parker	124	July 16	" Joseph W. Marshall, Charles Vizina, L. W. Palmer, David Gutman, Barry Collins.
Mount Diablo.	128	Aug. 2	" Daniel Burdett.
Indian Valley.	136	Nov. 17	" J. B. Shreve, E. M. Prime.
Soquel	137	Sept. 15	" Nathan Hart, H. Bischel, J. L. Grover.
		Aug. 23	" J. E. Shuey, James McKarnish.
Millville	141	Sept. 20	" David King.
		Oct. 18	" Lewis Powers, R. F. Martin.
Garden City...	142	Dec. 15	" J. H. Adams.
San Bernard'no	146	Nov. 20	" Lewis Jacobs, A. Wolff, M. A. Franklin, Jacob Rich, J. R. Brunn, Lewis Rosenbach, J. W. Waters, J. H. Levy, W. Pordew, A. L. Pordew, H. G. Cable.
San Lorenzo...	147	Dec. 13	" D. C. Fargo, Wm. Felker, L. Schwartz.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, AND OFFICERS ELECTED,

Term Ending December 31st, 1868, by the I. O. O. F. of the State of California and Jurisdiction thereto belonging, and Term Commencing January 1st, 1869.

LODGES.	NO.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
California.....	1	J. J. Gallagher.....	Chas. H. Mead, Jr.....	W. F. Galloway.....	M. P. Holmes.....	Edmund Lane.....
Sacramento.....	2	Samuel S. Nixon.....	George H. Jost.....	Mathew Cook.....	Theodore Mass.....	Thomas E. Jones.....
San Francisco.....	3	Henry M. Gray.....	A. G. Soule.....	Geo. C. Waller.....	H. B. Brooks.....	H. J. Hellmann.....
Eureka.....	4	Michael Miller.....	William Boyne.....	Andrew Lewick.....	E. H. Asbury.....	John Fisher.....
Yuba.....	5	W. G. Murphy.....	Chas. W. Pauly.....	E. Keyes.....	R. R. Merrill.....	Geo. Merritt.....
Charity.....	6	John T. Oldham.....	Samuel Miller.....	R. E. Wilhoit.....	R. B. Parker.....	A. G. Brown.....
Auburn.....	7	J. W. Smith.....	Henry Gerlach.....	Charles Helwig.....	E. F. Holley.....	D. W. Spear.....
El Dorado.....	8	John N. Turpin.....	Christopher Green.....	E. T. Phillips.....	Jacob Rueff.....	E. J. Clark.....
Diamond Springs.....	9	Chas. H. Randall.....	Chas. W. Childs.....	M. S. Gelbert.....	Mathew Lind.....	
Sonora.....	10	Chas. H. Hood.....	Daniel Sewell.....	Isaac J. Potter.....	Josiah Hall.....	
Stockton.....	11	E. E. Hood.....	J. J. Seldner.....	J. M. Morris.....	M. Magner.....	J. Steiney.....
Grass Valley.....	12	G. W. Anderson.....	Simeon R. Wilder.....	John Webber, P. G.....	C. C. Smith.....	
Harmony.....	13	John F. Schierhold.....	J. W. Andrzejewsky.....	A. L. Thiele.....	Henry Plege.....	F. V. Mayerhofer.....
Mountain.....	14	J. D. McCormick.....	A. Fougerson.....	J. Diltz.....	E. Polifka.....	S. T. Saeedor.....
Yerba Buena.....	15	L. D. Barnard.....	L. M. Manzer.....	Joseph Powderen.....	Henry C. Squire.....	Franklin Williams.....
Oustomah.....	16	J. R. Stone.....	Edwin F. Bean.....	A. H. Parker.....	Ole Torson.....	C. T. Pidwell.....
Templar.....	17	John F. Brown.....	James D. Bailey.....	C. A. Sumner.....	W. K. Dietrich.....	H. L. Amstutz.....
Napa.....	18	Andrew Sampson.....	William Langhlin.....	J. C. Pierson.....	H. F. Barker.....	G. W. King.....
Yreka.....	19	Sammuel Magoffey.....	Alois Wetzel.....	Albert E. Paine.....	Mannassah Sleeper.....	
Morning Star.....	20	B. McDonald.....	E. J. Van Voorhies.....	Geo. F. Mack.....	Wm. S. Burns.....	
Tuolumne.....	21	Daniel Dimond.....	M. J. Rehn.....	Levi Wooten.....	Forbes McPherson.....	
Solano.....	22	L. D. Sanborn.....	E. C. Raun.....	C. F. Ponsland.....	William Stockard.....	
Sierra.....	24	D. H. Cowden.....	C. T. Tracy.....	H. Strange, P. G.....	R. Roddrick.....	S. S. Hartum.....
Volcano.....	25	H. Hake.....	James Hall.....	A. Petty.....	F. P. Montgomery.....	
Mountain Rose.....	26	J. F. Baun.....	John Landis.....	S. H. Dikeman.....	Robt. Chalmers.....	J. G. VanDerheyden.....
Coloma.....	27	Henry Myers.....	Ernst Mortenson.....	J. G. VanDerheyden.....		

List of Subordinate Lodges, and Officers Elected, Etc.—CONTINUED.

LODGES.	No.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
Sonoma	28	J. I. Cook	J. B. Vest	W. G. Marshall	S. J. Agnew	
Magnolia	29	Meyer Morgenstein	Jas. D. Connell	Adolf Morgenstein	Joseph Lufkin	Herman Schulz
Petaluma	30	W. A. Douglas	J. S. Cutter	Wm. B. Haskell	G. Warner	F. A. McNear
Sutter Creek	31	W. E. Finn	D. T. Davis	W. Palmer	M. Brinn	
Forest City	32	Frank H. Deidell	Fred. Bernhard	Henry Spaulding	Samuel Treloar	Geo. P. Field
Hope	33	Thomas Lee	Wm. Dougherty	John Greenville	G. W. King	
San José	34	J. W. Johnson	Albert Lakes	Wm. H. Collins	Levis Shoen	A. S. Beaty
Los Angeles	35	M. Kremer	Wm. K. Craig	B. Katz	Daniel Schiek	— Niederken
Jackson	36	E. B. Stiles	S. Ed. Hesser	D. B. Spagnoli	Isaac Tripp	Samuel Page
Memento	37	John Ashlon	H. D. Robb	Levant Cran	Daniel Jerrett	I. P. Jackson
Placer	38	W. J. Tiner	J. G. Bisbee	P. Stone	C. H. Hoppert	A. C. Dolt
Mariposa	39	Ernest Shainfeld	Winslow Gallison	Charles Bruce	J. J. Cook	John King
Washington	40	John Vail	J. T. Middleton	M. B. Tubbs	John King	
Klamath	41	Martin V. Jones	J. W. Bryant	Edward T. Silleck	John J. Dickinson	
San Pablo	42	John Harris	Geo. B. Edgecomb	Robt. E. Houston	I. M. Rutan	D. W. Hildreth
Mokelumne	44	A. H. Hoersner	S. S. Moser	Edward Weihe	Wm. P. Peak	Jonas M. Ridinger
Oriental	45	Geo. B. Spranger	J. H. Gerken	E. Eiferman	M. W. Stauser	D. P. Derrickson
Brooklyn	46	B. F. Snell	J. Harmon	R. McGann	M. R. Hyatt	
Bidwell	47	Mitchell Hudson	William S. Higgins	Peter Freer	Henry Hoas	
Union	48	T. B. Saddler	Alexander Roach	T. J. Pritchard	D. Landers	
Table Rock	49	C. W. Platt	Wm. Hildebrand	W. R. Morgan	W. Stahl	
San Andreas	50	Chas. McDermott	Joseph H. Wells	William Wortman	John Steel	Rienzo Hopkins
Ione	51	Charles Burgen	James McConley	George W. Owen	Daniel Steward	
Santa Clara	52	Noah Palmer	H. N. Whitcomb	P. B. Stephens	A. Maden	J. M. Billings
Santa Rosa	53	J. G. Fortman	C. Kessing	P. B. Hood	Paul Heisel	W. A. Eliason
Mistotoe	54	Fred. M. Malone	Thomas I. Morgau	H. S. Johnson	Frederick Kuhfeld	John T. Bradbury
Mnerva	55	J. M. Page	John Seifer	A. C. Binninger	J. R. Wiley	H. Dorr
Polar Star	56	Geo. W. Wetherbee	Samuel L. Bates	Joseph Gilmore	Ed. F. Taylor	
Shasta	57	Wm. P. Hartman	F. Michelson	G. R. Knox	Louis Willendorf	
Mount Horeb	58	J. T. Davies	J. C. Trinidad	C. Vanansdall	A. Bullerisek	E. Murdock

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LODGES.	No.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
Oroville	59	J. P. Leonard	Wm. Featherstone.	Max Brooks	E. Marks	Albert Bowler
North Star	61	James A. S. Jones.	Geo. B. Juniper	W. H. Batchelder	Henry Jenkins	A. M. Dennen
Granite	62	Arthur E. Hill	Nathan König	J. W. Stamper	E. Christy	
Cosumes	63	John Godard	Mike Kerley	Aaron C. Hitchcock	Job D. Dean	Henry Baruch
Healdsburg	64	John O. Darrow	J. A. Delano	R. H. Gilman	David Bloom	
La Fayette	65	Wm. Floto	A. H. Davis	S. S. Rudolph	E. Lang	
Campo Seco	66	John Le Barr	E. B. Gifford	Thos. H. Peck	James Creighton	
San Juan	67	Geo. C. Spooner	F. M. King	A. N. Crane	Peter Brust	
Big Tree	68	Robert Roberts	Isaiah Frazier	T. J. Matreson	R. Senter	
Mount Shasta	70	Albert H. Burrows.	Maurice Renner	Robert Nixon	Adolph Winkler	
Bay City	71	J. Naphtaly	M. Tobias	E. S. Freeman	A. A. Son	S. Schlessinger
Covenant	73	Wilson Hunt	Charles Fété	Hugo Goebel, P. G.	Leonard Rember	E. W. Bradford
Franklin	74	Henry Larker	Henry Briam	Theodore Esfeldt, Sr.	Fred. Sieg	Theo. Ersfeldt
French Gulch	75	Erastus Dickenson	John Carpenter	W. H. Wheeler	Ignatz Frank	
Red Bluff	76	A. G. B. Schroder	John C. Tipton	W. H. Bahney	H. H. Furt	W. S. Little
Humboldt	77	Francis Clendenen	Augustus Cottrell	E. L. Outten	T. H. White	Jas. E. Shaw
Suisun	78	M. Van Owen	R. M. Clarke	Chester Perry	J. J. Davis	
Telegraph	79	Edwin A. Sloat	Samuel Nruel	Henry C. Nathan	M. Wilson	E. M. Thomas
Alturas	80	Isaac C. Boring	M. G. Hill	Dixon Brabban	R. Hudepohl	
Olive	81	John W. Beach	John E. Benton	Henry C. Nathan	M. Wilson	John H. Walker
Mountain Brow	82	G. H. Fisher	George Williams	Henry B. Ammons	Moses Blum	
Vacaville	83	John Keeran	Joshua Donaldson	Henry B. Ammons	J. B. Wells	
Comet	84	E. R. Sikes	George Williams	J. C. Dorr	J. B. Wells	
Anniversary	85	Robert J. Walker	O. H. Spring	John A. Whaley	Jacob Zehendner	
Sharon	86	A. Johnson	John Reuter	William Simpson	H. G. Davis	
Capital	87	Ed. Cadwallader	W. H. Rattenberry	Jesse A. Steward	John Suverkup	P. L. Hickman
Plumas	88	John B. Overton	David C. Hall	James E. Edwards	James H. Yates	
Morning Light	89	Samuel J. Titus	John Angus	Geo. W. Frater	G. H. Rolke	
Pajaro	90	A. J. Jennings	C. H. Miner	Alvin Sanborn	Ed. Martin	
Pilot Peak	91	J. M. Cain	Chas. Evans	J. S. Davis	W. L. Pantine	

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LODGES.	No.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
Cherokee	92	L. Goodday	Frederick Baholtz	Wm. H. Williams	M. R. C. Pulliam	
Crusade	93	E. H. Dyer	W. H. Cocke fair	Winfred F. Ingalls	A. W. Gragg	John T. Taylor
Four Creeks	94	James W. Blake	Tipton Lindsey	T. P. Williams	J. H. Sturmwiese	T. P. Williams
Branceforte	96	B. F. Tucker	G. C. Stevens	I. N. Besse	O. Root	
Yo-Semite	97	John Sargent	James J. Lunsden	Lester K. Hough	James Ballew	
Jefferson	98	John Rusan	George Crist	James Blackley	H. Bentley	E. Young
Hornitas	99	G. W. Buchanan	S. C. Bates	J. Y. Jones	J. Kocher	
Switzer	100	J. B. Langdon	D. P. Dunst	J. R. Murphy	D. Frazer	
Marion	101	Mathew Patten	Lyle Morrow	John H. Lambert	James Rainey	
Saco	102	C. D. Woodmanson	Fred. Shelton	Thomas Wall	Isaac S. Smith	John Wasley
Coulterville	104	Jonathan Mentzer	Martin Flanagan	A. R. Casaccia	J. B. Monteverde	
Schiller	105	John Batcher	John Bolze	Jacob Griesel	S. Moose	G. Sallé
Mineral	106		Daniel F. Abbott	Barlow Dyer	J. M. Baker	
Valley	107	T. B. Harper	Sam'l Dodd, Sr.	A. F. Gove	Fred. Waslier	H. W. Starr
American	108	C. F. Krumholtz	J. B. Sisley	D. Ferguson	A. P. Parker	Farren Cook
Bay View	109	H. N. Nutting	B. F. Cooper	A. E. Ackerman	T. W. Lathrop	John Shelly
Oso	110	John B. Felch	John L. Smith	John W. Wilcox	John Castigneto	
Woodland	111	D. M. Burns	E. G. Hall	E. G. Hall	G. J. Overhinet	L. Deitz
Abou Ben Adhem	112	A. G. Wood	Royal Fisk	H. H. Earle	W. O. Gray	G. T. Shaw
Chico	113	E. H. Allen	Geo. D. Bush	C. L. Stilson	Lafayette Fargo	Israael Hall
Mission Peak	114	Chas. Zimmermann	Lozenzo G. Yates	Max Ehrman	O. P. Monilton	Edward Nicholas
Fort Jones	115	James A. Davidson	Joel Newton	Robert S. Green	E. J. Diggler	H. Puettner
Germania	116	H. F. Mass	H. Neunaber	K. Meusdorfer	Chas. Metzler	Peter Pons
Pacheco	117	S. H. Whitmore	R. G. Davis	S. Standish	M. Baribel	Geo. H. Fogg
Oakland	118	E. S. Reimach	W. J. Garnett	P. Baker	D. Voght	M. B. Bedell
Webster	119	John Weiss	S. W. Griffith	Joseph Uncepher	J. W. Barnes	J. N. Densmore
Bald Mountain	120	Mathew Jansen	Samuel Park	Geo. W. Cusic	J. M. Bradwell	
Willow	121	Geo. E. Jamison	Moses H. Scott	James W. Robertson	Thos. H. Patterson	Wm. Stelling
Concordia	122	M. Henken	J. H. Peterson	C. F. Peters	G. Meyer	
Apollo	123	Wm. H. Saries	James Smith	E. W. Taggard	W. H. Baxter	W. F. Norcross

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LODGES.	No.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
Parker.....	124	L. B. Spencer	Henry Conner.....	Edgar Bishop.....	W. J. Tilley.....	N. T. Root.....
Meadow Lake.....	125	John Forner	J. Figuiere.....	R. W. Neagle.....	A. F. Deminger.....	
Samaritan.....	126	John Janson	S. C. Chace.....	Elleve Eage.....	L. Vandusen.....	
Summit.....	127	James Lewis	Dorsan Nichols.....	John K. Walls.....	Thos. A. McFarland.....	Joseph Maxwell.....
Mount Diablo.....	128	Walter Nellis	John M. Lewis.....	Ellis Roberts.....	Samuel Tregellis.....	S. A. Woodman.....
Sycamore.....	129	M. W. Levy	D. S. Smalley.....	E. D. Lewelling.....	R. H. Armstrong.....	J. C. Crigler.....
Clear Lake.....	130	Joseph Getz	H. M. Trude.....	C. B. Huis.....	J. D. Adams.....	
Unity.....	131	E. W. Park	David Ravekes.....	G. W. Osburn.....	Herman Popp.....	Geo. Fingland.....
Colfax.....	132	James Harrison	Geo. B. McCullough.....	John Frazer.....	Jacob Keek.....	
Cohasa.....	133	John H. Liening	E. Chapin.....	O. S. Mason.....	C. Kopf.....	
Progressive.....	134	F. Ethell	Philip Cahill.....	W. D. Smith.....	L. C. Flanders.....	
Silver Star.....	135	W. R. Lockwood	A. A. Smith.....	R. F. Moody.....	J. W. Smith.....	
Indian Valley.....	136	J. Thomas B. Streve	Joseph Cornelius.....	Samuel J. Ashbiare.....	N. W. Kendall.....	
Soquel.....	137	S. F. Grover	J. L. Grover.....	J. E. Shuey.....	D. J. Cummings.....	
Bohen.....	138	Peter Wence	Robert L. Garrett.....	J. Frank K. Morton.....	Frank Cowdin.....	Thos. E. P. Shade.....
Gold Run.....	139	A. Bickford	C. C. Brogan.....	Henry Bolton.....	William Judd.....	
Mountain Vale.....	140	B. F. Lemmon	J. H. Boyle.....	T. F. Battles.....	Geo. L. Battelle.....	
Millville.....	141	David King	Caleb Watkins.....	John Wheally.....	Reuben Pearse.....	David C. Stevenson.....
Garden City.....	142	C. W. Pomeroy	A. R. Manley.....	Dennis Keef.....	H. A. Crawford.....	E. J. Morton.....
Ocean View.....	143	J. P. Ames	Jacob Rosenblum.....	H. O. Souther.....	R. L. Mattingly.....	S. H. Goddard.....
University.....	144	W. D. Harwood	J. V. B. Goodrich.....	John Boller.....	J. H. Seymour.....	Emil Von Buchon.....
Hermann.....	145	Charles Weber	Bernhard Rodust.....	Jacob Rich.....	G. W. Hildebrand.....	Chas. N. Ennich.....
San Bernardino.....	146	A. Wolf	George Anthony.....	H. E. Makinney.....	Isaac Blum.....	M. Jacoby.....
San Lorenzo.....	147	Richard C. Kirby	T. J. Williams.....	B. Brundage.....	H. Hammel.....	
Harlah.....	148	Herman Hershfeld	H. K. Covert.....	S. Haslacher.....	William Aldridge.....	
Wilday.....	149	Miner Walden	O. Armstrong.....	Max Getz.....	H. H. Nannely.....	
Friendship.....	150	J. H. Berry	M. S. Levy.....	Geo. Thyarks.....	R. Eddy.....	
San Joaquin.....	151	William Girvan	W. L. Moore.....	N. H. Rose.....	James E. Whitson.....	
Salinas.....	152	George Pace	Alexander M. Young.....	Franklin Malette.....	S. S. Culverwell.....	
San Diego.....	153	J. R. Porter, P. G.				

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LODGES.	No.	NOBLE GRANDS.	VICE GRANDS.	REC. SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.	PER. SECRETARIES.
Gilroy	154	H. W. Briggs	Amos Robinson	William L. Hoover	C. P. Johnson .....	.....
Pacific	155	David Hunter	Thomas Ross	H. T. Bestor	A. S. Iredale .....	.....
Santa Barbara	156	Croymen Smith	T. B. Curley	Albert Boeseke	W. F. M. Goss	John F. Spooner
Industrial	157	G. W. Carroll	J. M. Ripley	J. A. Seaman	John Rippen .....	.....
Independence	158	Edwin Taylor	Jackson S. Swanks	John Ayer	Jacob L. Hopper	G. A. Stoddard
San Benito	159	Samuel Waldenberg	S. W. Smith	Wm. R. McGarvey	G. W. Worrell .....	.....
Victoria, V. I.	1	James Gillon	Joshua Davis	Charles Hayward	Thomas Golden	George Norris
Excelsior, S. I.	1	James Renton	Wm. N. Ladd	Charles A. Castle	Robert Lewers	John S. Smithers

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF RELIEF

Of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, I. O. F., showing the Relief in the Year commencing July 1st, 1867, and ending June 30th, 1868.

NAMES OF LODGES.	Numbers.		Number of Brothers Buried.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Families.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Total Amount Expended for Relief.	Total Amount of Assets of all kinds.	Number of Members.
	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Number of Widowed Families Relieved.								
California	1	38	4	2922 25	23 50	968 50	.....	3194 25	27,604 15	302
Sacramento	2	42	7	1830 00	707 50	196 00	.....	2733 50	23,885 95	222
San Francisco	3	29	3	2061 75	590 00	120 00	.....	2771 75	11,500 00	251
Eureka	4	12	4	305 00	178 80	129 00	.....	612 80	6,510 00	134
Yuba	5	37	3	1207 00	300 00	250 00	.....	1757 00	9,830 39	158
Charity	6	33	3	1453 00	129 00	356 75	.....	1938 75	18,724 17	155
Auburn	7	6	1	136 00	91 16	.....	.....	227 16	3,317 09	54
El Dorado	8	32	2	1019 00	630 00	150 00	.....	1799 00	10,095 74	138
Diamond Springs	9	5	1	260 00	22 00	56 85	3 25	341 50	2,165 62	24
Sonora	10	12	1	992 00	120 00	183 75	.....	1295 75	4,954 37	87
Stockton	11	18	2	369 25	.....	.....	.....	369 25	5,571 75	113
Grass Valley	12	11	3	1200 00	230 00	137 50	.....	1567 50	12,435 24	88
Harmony	13	58	4	3120 00	800 00	959 00	.....	4879 00	28,192 69	318
Mountain	14	6	.....	262 00	.....	.....	.....	262 00	2,586 37	37
Yerba Buena	15	66	6	4051 83	1154 50	693 44	331 75	6231 52	37,911 54	509
Customah	16	8	1	206 00	.....	50 00	.....	256 00	3,416 13	80
Templar	17	36	3	4826 05	215 00	210 00	110 00	5361 05	32,175 58	399
Napa	18	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,170 00	52
Yreka	19	13	.....	278 00	.....	.....	.....	278 00	5,544 36	70
Morning Star	20	25	3	1845 50	109 81	91 25	.....	1548 56	5,101 43	110
Tuolumne	21	13	591 00	591 00	9,925 11	58
Solano	22	1,181 92	23
Sierra	24	12	2	734 00	140 00	874 00	1,419 38	76

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NAMES OF LODGES.	Numbers.		No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	Number of Brothers Buried.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Females.	Paid for Burial of the Dead.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Total Amount Expended for Relief.	Total Amount of Assets of all kinds.	Number of Members.
	Number of Brothers Helped.	Number of Widowed.									
Volcano.....	25	3	..	1	110 00	.....	194 50	.....	304 50	1625 85	70
Mountain Rose.....	26	8	..	2	191 00	.....	170 75	.....	361 75	344 65	18
Coloma.....	27	2	..	2	24 00	.....	30 00	.....	54 00	1498 06	29
Sonoma.....	28	2	..	2	1490 00	766 30	241 00	.....	2497 30	7591 28	22
Magnolia.....	29	19	3	2	332 00	.....	125 13	.....	457 13	2500 00	206
Petaluma.....	30	8	..	1	266 00	.....	110 00	.....	376 00	3400 00	75
Sutter Creek.....	31	15	..	1	150 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	917 28	43
Forest City.....	32	5	..	1	98 00	30 00	.....	.....	128 00	2851 00	27
Hope.....	33	4	..	1	939 00	194 00	60 00	.....	483 00	1791 69	59
San Jose.....	34	8	3	1	530 00	45 00	148 87	.....	721 87	2230 27	65
Los Angeles.....	35	11	1	2	129 50	142 50	.....	6 00	278 00	3134 17	75
Jackson.....	36	13	3	1	209 00	25 00	50 00	.....	284 00	1963 59	40
Memento.....	37	11	1	1	90 00	.....	.....	.....	90 00	4890 00	29
Placer.....	38	6	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10071 00	85
Mariposa.....	39	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1304 00	23
Washington.....	40	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300 00	26
Klamath.....	41	1	..	..	75 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	2129 87	50
San Pablo.....	43	2	..	..	22 50	.....	.....	.....	22 50	6823 62	91
Mokelumne.....	44	11	1	..	160 00	50 00	.....	45 00	255 00	11830 00	179
Oriental.....	45	42	4	3	1402 00	190 00	217 00	.....	1809 00	5954 18	64
Brooklyn.....	46	8	..	..	382 50	.....	.....	.....	382 50	752 70	67
Bidwell.....	47	3	1	1	39 00	30 00	.....	.....	69 00	1106 98	43
Union.....	48	9	..	..	425 00	.....	.....	.....	425 00	166 00	46
Table Rock.....	49	4	..	1	116 00	.....	50 00	.....	166 00	1395 75	43
San Andreas.....	50	9	..	..	366 00	.....	.....	.....	366 00	186 00	52
Ione.....	51	11	..	..	119 00	.....	.....	.....	119 00	717 18	31

Santa Clara.....	52	8	122 00	.....	.....	122 00	5270 64	73
Santa Rosa.....	53	2	83 00	.....	.....	83 00	2108 37	48
Mistletoe.....	54	4	205 50	.....	.....	205 50	1539 15	30
Minerva.....	55	4	84 00	.....	.....	84 00	2881 21	32
Polar Star.....	56	5	251 00	.....	.....	251 00	2084 86	34
Shasta.....	57	4	95 00	.....	.....	95 00	812 12	66
Mount Horeb.....	58	12	375 00	.....	.....	375 00	636 24	43
Oroville.....	59	16	652 00	.....	25 00	677 00	4010 00	78
North Star.....	61	7	108 00	.....	25 00	133 00	917 16	57
Granite.....	62	23	461 00	.....	101 00	562 00	2334 02	66
Cosumnes.....	63	11	134 00	.....	50 00	201 25	1283 52	32
Healdsburg.....	64	2	50 00	.....	.....	50 00	1817 00	42
La Fayette.....	65	1	180 00	.....	.....	180 00	8 65	31
Campo Seco.....	66	3	56 00	.....	.....	56 00	1313 09	29
San Juan.....	67	11	268 00	.....	149 00	417 00	8640 21	111
Big Tree.....	68	4	67 00	.....	21 00	88 00	841 00	17
Mount Shasta.....	70	11	202 00	.....	.....	202 00	4984 64	55
Bay City.....	71	13	354 00	.....	198 77	1145 27	21327 06	190
Covenant.....	73	7	158 00	.....	495 00	158 00	6475 00	54
Franklin.....	74	4	200 00	.....	.....	200 00	3469 63	43
French Gulch.....	75	2	146 00	.....	.....	146 00	722 15	23
Red Bluff.....	76	9	180 75	.....	57 00	237 75	1125 06	60
Humboldt.....	77	12	348 80	.....	.....	348 80	1113 69	61
Suisun.....	78	3	230 00	.....	140 00	390 00	3776 66	65
Telegraph.....	79	8	112 00	.....	116 50	228 50	74 45	29
Alturas.....	80	7	160 00	.....	.....	160 00	3500 00	56
Olive.....	81	9	211 00	.....	.....	211 00	3433 77	66
Mountain Brow.....	82	3	88 50	.....	.....	88 50	512 00	34
Vacaville.....	83	5	238 00	.....	47 00	275 00	1577 58	58
Comet.....	84	5	48 00	.....	.....	48 00	1248 62	18
Anniversary.....	85	9	305 00	.....	.....	305 00	2938 67	57
Sharon.....	86	5	312 00	.....	.....	312 00	53 34	22
Capitol.....	87	33	1780 95	.....	50 00	1870 95	4211 79	163
Plumas.....	88	6	57 00	16 00	57 00	880 00	36
Morning Light.....	89	2	32 00	32 00	209 49	26
Pajaro.....	90	4	40 00	15 00	55 00	1597 40	47

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NAMES OF LODGES.	Numbers.	Number of Bro- thers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved	Number of Bro- thers buried.	Paid for Relief		Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Total Amount Expended for Relief.	Total Amount of Assets of all kinds.	Number of Mem- bers.
					Paid for Brothers of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.					
Pilot Peak.....	91	1			608 00				608 00	1245 50	21
Cherokee.....	92	2			36 00					1103 37	20
Crusade.....	93	1			15 00				15 00	4200 00	36
Four Creeks.....	94	1	2	3	8 00	200 00	145 75		353 75	1206 10	42
Branciforte.....	96	12	2		338 00	50 00			388 00	4755 51	108
Yo Semite.....	97	2		1	60 00		52 75		112 75	552 50	21
Jefferson.....	98	3			120 00				120 00	3900 98	43
Hornitas.....	99	3		1	161 00				161 00	389 80	32
Sutter.....	100	1			20 00				20 00	3000 00	43
Marion.....	101	5	1		80 00	25 00			105 00	628 10	25
Saco.....	102	6			298 00		25 00		323 00	1360 63	39
Couterville.....	104	6		1	225 50		94 00		319 50	1133 05	33
Schiller.....	105	22	2	3	1120 00	250 00	225 00		1595 00	3605 65	131
Mineral.....	106	3		2	239 00		100 00		339 00	925 75	57
Valley.....	107	5		1	210 00		58 00		268 00	2021 03	41
American.....	108	2			100 00				100 00	1616 25	16
Bay View.....	109	7		1	226 00		150 00		376 00	2372 63	83
Oso.....	110	5			90 00				90 00	2442 33	49
Woodland.....	111	4			461 00				461 00	1011 00	45
Abou Ben Arthem.....	112	13	2	2	1389 50	70 00	335 18		1814 68	9229 87	202
Chico.....	113									519 82	70
Mission Peak.....	114				292 50		126 00		418 50	2680 75	46
Fort Jones.....	115	10		2	862 00	310 00	478 25		1670 25	12063 93	219
Germania.....	116	27	3	3	54 00				54 00		58
Pacheco.....	117	3			112 00		100 00		212 00	2737 60	92
Oakland.....	118	7		2							

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of California, from December 31st, 1867, to June 30th, 1868.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NUMBERS	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O. F.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Resigned.	Decreased Membership.	Ceased Membership for non-payment of dues.	Members in good Standing.	Refused.	Degrees conferred.	Past Grand.	REVENUE.
California	1	San Francisco	San Francisco	Monday	18	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	302	1	59	38	\$ 4484 45
Sacramento	2	Sacramento	Sacramento	Saturday	23	4	2	2	2	6	..	1	1	1	222	..	86	33	4054 11
San Francisco	3	San Francisco	San Francisco	Friday	17	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	251	1	85	40	3827 46
Eureka	4	Sacramento	Sacramento	Wednesday	17	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	134	1	50	22	2277 55
Yuba	5	Marysville	Yuba	Tuesday	17	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	158	6	76	20	1741 30
Charity	6	Stockton	San Joaquin	Wednesday	5	1	1	..	3	..	..	4	4	155	..	18	38	1402 00
Auburn	7	Auburn	Placer	Saturday	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	54	..	25	13	683 92
El Dorado	8	Sacramento	Sacramento	Monday	8	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	138	..	38	19	2750 60	
Diamond Springs	9	Diamond Springs	El Dorado	Wednesday	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	24	6	10	6	217 50
Sonora	10	Sonora	Tuolumne	Wednesday	3	1	2	4	4	87	1	7	16	887 55
Stockton	11	Stockton	San Joaquin	Friday	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	113	2	29	21	870 50
Grass Valley	12	Grass Valley	Nevada	Thursday	7	1	1	1	8	..	..	1	1	88	2	21	23	1470 41
Harmony	13	San Francisco	San Francisco	Tuesday	8	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	3	318	..	51	34	2606 55
Mountain	14	Michigan City	Placer	Saturday	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	37	..	5	13	196 75
Yerba Buena	15	San Francisco	San Francisco	Thursday	43	6	2	3	4	8	1	7	509	4	128	44	8130 01
Customah	16	Nevada City	Nevada	Tuesday	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	80	1	15	17	730 85
Templar	17	San Francisco	San Francisco	Wednesday	11	4	2	1	1	..	..	..	8	399	2	101	42	3812 35
Napa	18	Napa City	Napa	Thursday	7	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	52	..	11	10	495 32
Yreka	19	Yreka	Siskiyou	Thursday	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	70	2	5	12	545 39
Morning Star	20	Placerville	El Dorado	Saturday	4	2	1	1	1	4	..	..	3	110	7	37	16	1929 77
Tuolumne	21	Columbia	Tuolumne	Tuesday	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	58	..	31	15	558 57
Solano	22	Benicia	Solano	Monday	9	2	2	2	4	..	..	..	2	23	1	65	13	326 75
Sierra	24	Downieville	Sierra	Thursday	13	3	76	3	1551 10	
Volcano	25	Volcano	Amador	Saturday	1	2	1	70	..	16	19	300 73	

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n Rose	26 Rough & Ready Nevada	7	5	1	1	5	3	18	22	3	396
Coloma	27 Coloma Nevada	2	1	1	1	1	3	29	14	14	182
Sonoma	28 Sonoma El Dorado	22	3	1	1	1	2	206	8	10	263
Magnolia	29 Sonoma Sonoma	22	3	1	1	1	2	206	4	14	3614
Petaluma	30 Petaluma Sonoma	25	3	1	1	1	2	75	22	22	1625
Sutter Creek	31 Sutter Creek Sonoma	5	3	1	1	1	4	75	15	37	865
Forest City	32 Forest City Amador	5	3	1	1	1	4	75	6	8	461
Hope	33 Angel's Camp Calaveras	5	3	2	2	2	1	57	15	10	434
San Jose	34 San Jose Santa Clara	5	3	2	2	2	1	57	15	10	434
Los Angeles	35 Los Angeles Los Angeles	10	3	1	1	12	9	65	44	9	394
Jackson	36 Jackson Amador	15	1	1	1	1	2	75	16	16	377
Memento	37 Georgetown El Dorado	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	12	1219
Placer	38 Iowa Hill Placer	3	1	1	1	1	1	29	15	12	377
Mariposa	39 Mariposa Mariposa	4	1	1	1	1	1	85	9	9	330
Washington	40 Yankee Jim's Placer	3	1	1	1	1	4	85	3	16	643
Klamath	41 Crescent City Del Norte	2	1	1	1	1	2	23	5	5	233
San Pablo	43 Vallejo Solazo	4	1	1	1	1	1	90	12	14	305
Mokelumne	44 Mokelumne Hill Solazo	4	1	1	1	1	1	90	7	12	412
Oriental	45 Marysville Yuba	13	2	2	2	2	8	179	27	19	776
Brooklyn	46 Red Dog Nevada	3	2	2	2	2	2	64	84	17	3665
Bidwell	47 Oroville Butte	6	2	2	2	2	6	67	11	11	542
Union	48 Eureka South Nevada	6	6	2	2	2	3	5	20	15	640
Table Rock	49 St. Louis Sierra	5	6	2	2	2	3	48	22	11	865
San Andreas	50 San Andreas Calaveras	5	3	1	1	1	4	46	27	15	516
Ione	51 Ione City Amador	5	1	1	1	1	4	52	13	12	605
Santa Clara	52 Santa Clara Santa Clara	12	1	1	1	1	2	73	9	8	384
Santa Rosa	53 Santa Rosa Sonoma	4	1	1	1	1	2	48	24	19	716
Misticeo	54 Minnesota Sierra	2	1	1	1	1	1	30	4	8	381
Minerva	55 Todd's Valley Placer	2	1	1	1	1	1	32	27	12	248
Polar Star	56 Fair Play El Dorado	2	2	1	1	1	1	34	5	7	210
Shasta	57 Shasta Shasta	3	1	1	1	1	2	66	21	19	543
Mount Horeb	58 Shaw's Flat Tuolumne	7	1	1	1	1	4	48	13	13	117
Oroville	59 Oroville Butte	7	1	1	1	1	3	57	63	11	1631
North Star	61 Weaverville Trinity	3	1	1	1	1	3	78	17	16	402
Granite	62 Folsom Sacramento	3	1	1	1	1	2	66	1	9	581
Cosumnes	63 Latrobe El Dorado	5	5	1	1	1	1	32	4	8	288

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Healdsburg	64	Healdsburg	Sonoma	Tuesday	6	8				1						42		27	12	333 75
La Fayette	65	La Grange	Stanislaus	Saturday	6	1		1							1	31	1	25	5	397 35
Campo Seco	66	Campo Seco	Calaveras	Tuesday		1				2						29	1	3	11	176 00
San Juan	67	N. San Juan	Nevada	Monday	5	1				2						111		22	22	1063 55
Big Tree	68	Murphy's	Calaveras	Friday	1									1		17			7	71 50
Mount Shasta	70	Yreka	Siskiyou	Friday	3				1						2	55	1	23	8	582 00
Bay City	71	San Francisco	San Francisco	Monday	14	6			1	2						190		63	28	3095 05
Covenant	73	Forest Hill	Placer	Wednesday	2				1	1						54	1	6	15	471 25
Franklin	74	Placerville	El Dorado	Friday	2					4						43		5	13	551 25
French Gulch	75	French Gulch	Shasta	Saturday	1					1						23		4	8	197 75
Red Bluff	76	Red Bluff	Tehama	Tuesday	13			3		1					1	60		66	12	893 00
Humboldt	77	Emreka	Humboldt	Monday	10				1	2					2	60	1	59	14	845 80
Suisun	78	Suisun	Solano	Monday	4	2			1							65	2	16	16	536 45
Telegraph	79	Fiddletown	Amador	Saturday	2	1				3				2		29		3	8	58 00
Alturas	80	La Porte	Sierra	Saturday	1			1		2						56		1	11	498 00
Olive	81	Dutch Flat	Placer	Wednesday	10	1			1	1					3	66	2	35	14	1133 75
Mountain Brow	82	Chinese Camp	Tuolumne	Monday	5					6					1	35		16	11	335 00
Yacaville	83	Yacaville	Solano	Saturday	7				1	1				1		58		28	15	539 96
Comet	84	Trinity Centre	Trinity	Saturday	1					1						18		5	6	160 00
Anniversary	85	Arcata	Humboldt	Wednesday	5				1						1	57	1	16	12	711 50
Sharon	86	Vallecito	Calaveras	Wednesday	4					4					1	22		12	10	288 25
Capitol	87	Sacramento	Sacramento	Friday	11	3			1	4				1	1	163	3	43	20	1996 83
Pinnas	88	Quincy	Pinnas	Wednesday	4					2					1	36		12	4	272 00
Morning Light	89	Spanish Flat	El Dorado	Wednesday	1											26		8	9	190 50
Pajaro	90	Watsonville	Santa Cruz	Saturday	3	1				4						47	1	6	14	352 00
Pilot Peak	91	Gibsonville	Sierra	Saturday	1					1					2	21			9	253 75

Cherokee	92 Cherokee Flat.	Butte	3	1	1	1	1	1	20	3	11	\$	176 25
Crusade.	93 Alvarado.	Alameda	2	1	1	1	1	1	36	5	13		384 95
Four Creeks.	94 Visalia.	Tulare	4	1	1	1	1	1	42	5	13		610 37
Branchforté.	95 Santa Cruz.	Santa Cruz	12	5	3	1	1	1	108	1	17		947 50
Yo Semite	97 Big Oak Flat.	Tuolumne	4	1	1	1	1	3	21	15	7		117 50
Jefferson.	98 Woodbridge.	San Joaquin	4	1	1	1	1	3	43	17	10		636 75
Hornitas	99 Hornitas.	Mariposa	3	3	1	1	1	1	32	9	9		494 50
Sutter	100 Nicolaus.	Sutter	14	1	3	1	1	1	43	45	9		667 50
Marion	101 Sawyer's Bar.	Klamath	2	1	1	1	1	1	25	7	9		275 25
Scio.	102 Foreman's Ranch	San Joaquin	1	1	1	1	1	3	39	2	10		279 75
Coulterville	104 Coulterville	Mariposa	5	1	1	1	1	3	33	3	7		234 91
Sculler	105 Sacramento	Sacramento	5	1	1	1	1	1	131	9	9		1343 25
Mineral	106 Copperopolis.	Calaveras	13	3	1	1	1	2	57	32	5		643 50
Valley	107 Lincoln	Placer	3	1	1	1	1	1	41	4	5		362 44
American	108 Deadwood.	Placer	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	9		84 00
Bay View	109 Redwood City	San Mateo	17	1	1	1	1	3	83	24	12		1300 65
Oso.	110 Bear Valley	Mariposa	3	3	1	1	1	5	49	5	8		617 25
Woodland	111 Woodland	Yolo	3	6	2	1	1	1	45	9	9		2671 60
Abou Ben Adhem	112 San Francisco.	San Francisco	26	1	1	1	1	5	202	3	101		2671 60
Chico.	113 Chico.	Butte	1	2	1	1	1	1	70	34	6		683 45
Mission Peak	114 Washington Cr's	Alameda	6	1	1	1	1	1	30	25	7		298 50
Fort Jones	115 Fort Jones	Siskiyou	12	1	1	1	1	2	46	2	4		608 50
Germania.	116 San Francisco.	San Francisco	13	2	1	1	1	1	219	2	11		3546 60
Pacheco	117 Pacheco	Contra Costa	19	5	5	1	1	1	58	2	10		874 50
Oakland	118 Oakland.	Alameda	13	1	1	1	1	1	92	37	10		1691 00
Webster	119 Markleville.	Alpine	13	1	1	1	1	1	66	1	4		995 45
Bald Mountain	120 Last Chance.	Placer	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	3	3		154 00
Willow	121 Snelling.	Merced	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	21	5		390 70
Concordia	122 San Francisco	San Francisco	22	2	2	1	1	2	193	4	73		2562 55
Apollo	123 San Francisco	San Francisco	14	9	1	1	1	6	186	54	16		1913 85
Parker	124 San Francisco	San Francisco	23	10	1	1	1	1	171	110	19		1731 43
Meadow Lake	125 Meadow Lake	Nevada	8	2	1	1	1	4	29	45	3		660 91
Samaritan	126 Washington	Nevada	2	3	1	1	1	1	19	15	3		1019 25
Summit	127 Howland Flat.	Sierra	3	1	1	1	1	1	36	20	6		428 00
Mt. Diablo	128 Somerville	Contra Costa	8	3	1	1	1	1	63	4	5		967 50
Sycamore.	129 Hayward's	Alameda	8	3	1	1	1	1	60	57	2		765 50

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Clear Lake.	130	Clear Lake.	Lake	Wednesd'y	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	2	15	5	453 35		
Unity	131	Mission Dolores	San Francisco.	Tuesday	11	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	2	37	2	535 75		
Colfax.	132	Colfax.	Placer.	Saturday	13	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	17	2	9	3	303 85		
Colusa	133	Colusa.	Colusa.	Wednesd'y	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	57	2	70	3	925 00		
Progressive	134	Lockford.	San Joaquin.	Saturday	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	2	32	1	358 50		
Silver Star.	135	Sasanville.	Lassen.	Thursday	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	2	27	2	374 10		
Indian Valley	136	Taylorville.	Pinnaas.	Saturday	7	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	34	1	6	4	372 75		
Soquel.	137	Soquel.	Santa Cruz.	Wednesd'y	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	24	1	16	2	219 00		
Bohen.	138	Wilmington	Los Angeles.	Monday	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	27	1	23	1	365 00		
Gold Run.	139	Gold Run.	Placer.	Friday	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	3	34	3	451 25		
Mountain Vale.	140	Sierra Valley	Sierra.	Friday	9	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	4	4	1	129 25		
Millville	141	Millville	Shasta.	Saturday	17	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	2	78	1	1316 60		
Garden City.	142	San Jose	Santa Clara.	Friday	13	13	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	6	6	2	490 00		
Ocean View.	143	Spanishtown.	San Mateo.	Saturday	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	
Victoria, V. I.	1	Victoria	Vancouver's I.	Monday	17	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	95	3	63	7	1423 60		
Excelsior.	1	Honolulu.	Sandwich Is.	Tuesday	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	1	32	14	561 00		
Totals					927	198	57	46	62	27	6	2	3	55	142	100	53	109	3885	1640	\$127,798 11

REMOVED.—Michael Kennedy, from Lodge No. 8, cause, contempt; L. T. Cogswell, from Lodge No. 33, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; E. B. Rollins, from Lodge No. 39, cause, contempt; Wm. Davis, from Lodge No. 43, cause, contempt; F. Clause, from Lodge No. 45, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Thos. Almont, from Lodge No. 45, cause, drunkenness, and conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Garret Reaser, from Lodge No. 53, cause, contempt; John A. Latty, from Lodge No. 75, cause, unbecoming conduct; C. M. Pike, from Lodge No. 80, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Wm. S. Carson, from Lodge No. 86, cause, contempt; John Duffy, from Lodge No. 101, cause, contempt; Dr. A. C. Buffum, from Lodge No. 1, S. I., cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

SUSPENDED.—George L. Derby, from Lodge 31, cause, drunkenness.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, I. O. F., from June 30th, 1868, to December 31st, 1868.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NUMBERS.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card	Admitted as A. O. F.	Admitted as N. A. O. F.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Resigned.	Deceased.	Cancelled Membership for non-payment of dues.	Members in good standing.	Rejected.	Degrees conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	REVENUE.
California.....	1	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Monday	13	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	313	2	81	40	\$ 4836 65
Sacramento.....	2	Sacramento	Sacramento	Saturday	23	9	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	245	4	80	33	3755 15
San Francisco.....	3	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Friday	28	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	5	274	1	85	39	3577 55
Eureka.....	4	Sacramento	Sacramento	Wednesday	13	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	144	2	54	23	1691 85
Yuba.....	5	Marysville	Yuba	Tuesday	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	170	2	45	21	1715 50
Charity.....	6	Stockton	San Joaquin	Wednesday	2	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	158	2	14	39	1262 95
El Dorado.....	7	Auburn	Placer	Saturday	1	2	1	1	4	5	2	1	4	1	54	2	57	20	503 32
Diamond Springs	8	Sacramento	Sacramento	Monday	12	1	1	1	4	5	2	1	4	2	143	2	17	6	258 00
Sonora.....	10	Diamond Sp ngs	El Dorado	Wednesday	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	6	83	1	18	15	1023 68
Stockton.....	11	Stockton	Tuolumne	Friday	10	7	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	128	1	21	23	1188 50
Grass Valley.....	12	Grass Valley.	Nevada	Thursday	9	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	5	90	1	39	23	1707 35
Harmony.....	13	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Tuesday	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	319	1	27	34	2206 00
Mountain.....	14	Michigan City.	Placer	Saturday	6	3	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	6	506	5	143	43	6382 72
Yerba Buena.....	15	San Francisco	San Francisco	Thursday	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	10	412	4	79	18	809 35
Oustomah.....	16	Nevada City	Nevada	Tuesday	18	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	57	1	10	10	471 80
Templar.....	17	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Wednesday	6	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	112	3	16	11	751 24
Napa.....	18	Napa City	Napa.	Thursday	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	70	1	24	17	1335 87
Yreka.....	19	Yreka	Siskiyou	Thursday	4	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	112	3	25	15	718 72
Morning Star.....	20	Placerville	El Dorado	Saturday	3	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	58	1	34	7	352 55
Tuolumne.....	21	Columbia	Tuolumne	Tuesday	9	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	75	1	17	13	915 75
Solano.....	22	Benicia	Solano	Monday	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	75	1	17	13	573 95
Sierra.....	24	Downeville	Sierra	Thursday	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	71	1	18	20	
Volcano.....	25	Volcano	Amador	Saturday	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	71	1	18	20	

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Mountain Rose.	26	Rough & Ready.	Nevada.	Monday.	1	1				1					2	18		17	3	\$ 227 00
Coloma.	27	Coloma.	El Dorado	Saturday.	1	1									2	27		4	15	170 25
Sonoma.	28	Sonoma.	Sonoma.	Wednesday	15	2			1						2	21		9	9	95 00
Magnolia.	29	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Tuesday	15	2			1						1	231		7	15	2750 75
Petaluma.	30	Petaluma.	Sonoma.	Tuesday	6	6				2				2	1	109	3	41	23	1614 80
Sutter Creek.	31	Sutter Creek.	Amador.	Monday	8	1			1						2	78		13	15	764 25
Forest City.	32	Forest City.	Sierra.	Saturday	6	2			1						2	48		9	9	472 45
Hope.	33	Angel's Camp.	Calaveras	Thursday	29	3			1	2					1	32	1	17	9	894 75
San Jose.	34	San Jose.	Santa Clara	Wednesday	3	2			1	1					1	92		48	15	1236 50
Los Angeles.	35	Los Angeles.	Los Angeles	Wednesday	15	3	2	1		6					1	80		32	10	1375 95
Jackson.	36	Jackson.	Amador.	Saturday	8	1			1	3					3	82		5	13	936 25
Memento.	37	Georgetown.	El Dorado	Thursday	4	1			1	1					1	39		11	9	367 50
Placer.	38	Iowa Hill.	Placer	Tuesday	6	1			1	4					1	32		5	12	353 25
Mariposa.	39	Mariposa	Mariposa	Tuesday	1	1			1	4					1	75		1	5	757 00
Washington.	40	Yankee Jim's.	Placer	Thursday	1	1			4	3					1	22		9	4	220 00
Klamath.	41	Crescent City	Del Norte	Thursday	6	1			1	8					1	22		3	11	323 00
San Pablo.	43	Vallejo	Solano	Monday	4	1			1	1					58		11	14	14	456 33
Mokelumne.	44	Mokelumne Hill	Calaveras	Thursday	6	1			1	5					90		1	3	19	597 05
Oriental.	45	Marysville	Yuba	Saturday	2	1			7	3					2	176		2	17	2586 18
Brooklyn.	46	Red Deg	Nevada	Wednesday	6	2			1	3				1	1	64		15	13	472 75
Bidwell.	47	Oroville	Butte	Saturday	3	1			2	1					75		1	10	16	503 00
Union.	48	Moore's Flat.	Nevada	Saturday	1	2			1	1					46		1	10	12	667 79
Table Rock.	49	St. Louis.	Sierra	Saturday	1	2			1	1					5	45		16	6	363 00
San Andreas.	50	San Andreas.	Calaveras	Saturday	2	1			1	3					2	52		5	12	600 20
Ione.	51	Ione City	Amador.	Tuesday	1	1			1	1					30		1	7	7	254 25
Santa Clara	52	Santa Clara	Santa Clara	Tuesday	8	2			1	1					82		43	21	21	795 75

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Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	51	2	5	12	413 55
Mistletoe	Sierra	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	2	5	17	208 50
Minerva	Placer	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	2	19	368 20	
Polar Star	El Dorado	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	84	2	10	305 37	
Shasta	Shasta	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	60	2	18	239 75	
Mount Horeb	Tuolumne	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	2	14	239 75	
Oroville	Butte	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	75	1	7	324 75	
North Star	Trinity	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	57	1	16	516 25	
Granite	Sacramento	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	67	1	8	598 90	
Costumes	El Dorado	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	14	263 90	
Healdsburg	Sonoma	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	13	364 50	
La Fayette	Stanislaus	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	1	10	283 35	
Campo Seco	Calaveras	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	2	9	323 65	
San Juan	North San Juan	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	2	22	1400 00	
Big Tree	Murphy's	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	7	81 75	
Mount Shasta	Yreka	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	1	4	486 10	
Bay City	San Francisco	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	189	1	25	3003 75	
Covenant	Placer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	1	9	550 00	
Franklin	El Dorado	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	7	430 35	
French Gulch	Shasta	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	14	232 12	
Red Bluff	Tehama	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	19	451 31	
Humboldt	Humboldt	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	1	15	626 40	
Suisun	Solano	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	82	1	16	488 50	
Telegraph	Amador	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	6	194 25	
Alturas	Sierra	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	53	1	12	504 00	
Olive	Placer	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	48	1198 57	
Mountain Brow	Tuolumne	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	2	14	282 75	
Vacaville	Solano	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	58	1	15	306 00	
Comet	Trinity	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	4	252 00	
Anniversary	Humboldt	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	35	556 00	
Sharon	Calaveras	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	174	1	9	223 25	
Capitol	Sacramento	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	30	4002 54	
Plumas	Plumas	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	36	554 50	
Morning Light	El Dorado	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	10	138 50	
Fajaro	Santa Cruz	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	11	462 00	
Pilot Peak	Sierra	91	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	1	10	62 00	

Abstract of the Reports of Subordinate Lodges—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NUMBERS.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O. U. E.	Admitted as N. A. O. U. E.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Resigned.	Deceased.	Graded Membership for non-payment of dues.	Members in Good Standing.	Rejected.	Degrees conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	REVENUE.
Cherokee	92	Cherokee Flat.	Butte	Saturday	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	15	15	..	3	9	\$ 136 80
Crusade	93	Alvarado.	Alameda	Saturday	1	8	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	37	37	..	7	13	453 44
Four Creeks.	94	Visalia.	Tulare	Monday	5	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	45	45	..	7	7	442 50
Branciforte	96	Santa Cruz.	Santa Cruz.	Friday	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	67	17	1328 25
Yo Semite	97	Big Oak Flat.	Tuolumne	Saturday	4	2	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	19	..	8	7	116 25
Jefferson	98	Woodbridge.	San Joaquin.	Thursday	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	46	..	4	11	652 25
Hornitas	99	Hornitas.	Mariposa	Thursday	10	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	29	..	9	9	231 00
Sutter	100	Nicolaus.	Sutter	Saturday	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	44	..	8	10	586 75
Marion	101	Sawyer's Bar.	Klamath	Thursday	6	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	24	24	..	3	9	245 75
Scio	102	Foreman's Ranch	San Joaquin	Thursday	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	46	..	11	11	491 12
Coulterville	104	Coulterville	Mariposa	Friday	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	2	7	251 71
Schiller	105	Sacramento	Sacramento	Thursday	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	125	..	18	10	1423 30
Mineral	106	Copperopolis.	Calaveras	Thursday	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	53	..	12	6	438 25
Valley	107	Lincoln	Placer	Thursday	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	41	..	10	5	380 50
American	108	Deadwood	Placer	Saturday	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	14	..	7	7	114 50
Bay View	109	Redwood City.	San Mateo	Wednesday	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	82	..	24	12	1027 75
Oso	110	Bear Valley	Mariposa	Thursday	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	44	..	12	7	296 25
Woodland.	111	Woodland.	Yolo	Saturday	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	53	..	17	10	595 44
Abou Ben Ad'm	112	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Thursday	5	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	10	223	..	126	21	3093 25
Chico	113	Chico	Butte	Tuesday	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	71	..	5	8	611 00
Mission Peak.	114	Washington Cr's	Alameda	Wednesday	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	32	32	..	9	9	406 30
Fort Jones.	115	Fort Jones.	Siskiyou.	Saturday	3	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	48	48	..	16	7	489 75
Germania	116	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	Wednesday	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	214	..	51	12	2750 30
Pacheco	117	Pacheco.	Contra Costa.	Wednesday	8	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	67	67	..	20	10	715 45
Oakland	118	Oakland.	Alameda.	Tuesday	22	5	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	120	120	..	1	28	2081 50
Webster	119	Markleeville.	Alpine	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	62	62	..	1	5	611 13

APPENDIX.

Bald Mountain	120 Last Chance	Placer	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	8	5	\$ 261 00
Willow	121 Snelling	Merced	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	3	6	438 52
Concordia	122 San Francisco	San Francisco	13	4	2	1	1	207	35	6	2510 50	
Apello	123 San Francisco	San Francisco	24	4	2	6	1	198	66	19	2046 62	
Parker	124 San Francisco	San Francisco	13	5	1	1	6	195	69	20	2409 40	
Meadow Lake	125 Meadow Lake	Nevada	2	1	1	6	1	24	24	3	174 15	
Samaritan	126 Washington	Nevada	3	2	1	4	1	38	17	4	383 05	
Summit	127 Howland Flat	Sierra	3	1	3	1	1	59	1	6	689 09	
Mount Diablo	128 Sonerville	Contra Costa	5	1	1	1	1	65	9	5	652 00	
Sycamore	129 Haywards	Alameda	1	1	1	1	1	27	31	3	705 50	
Clear Lake	130 Clear Lake	Lake	6	1	11	1	1	44	2	5	706 59	
Unity	131 Mission Dolores	San Francisco	20	3	1	1	1	62	1	3	939 00	
Colfax	132 Colfax	Placer	3	1	1	2	1	21	10	4	932 05	
Colusa	133 Colusa	Colusa	4	3	3	1	1	60	2	4	644 25	
Progressive	134 Lockford	San Joaquin	3	4	1	1	1	30	5	2	240 25	
Silver Star	135 Susanville	Lassen	8	3	1	1	1	26	10	3	380 60	
Indian Valley	136 Taylorville	Plumas	7	1	1	3	1	38	13	5	400 50	
Soquel	137 Soquel	Santa Cruz	6	1	1	1	2	28	17	3	307 00	
Boken	138 Wilmington	Los Angeles	2	1	1	4	1	26	6	1	145 25	
Gold Run	139 Gold Run	Placer	3	1	3	3	1	29	24	4	482 33	
Mountain Vale	140 Sierra Valley	Sierra	8	1	1	1	1	14	2	2	134 00	
Millville	141 Millville	Shasta	15	6	1	1	1	37	1	1	450 25	
Garden City	142 San Jose	Santa Clara	15	6	1	1	1	51	59	5	781 50	
Ocean View	143 Spanishtown	San Mateo	12	5	1	1	1	18	1	1	491 00	
University	144 Oakland	Alameda	43	14	2	5	1	64	2	79	1497 80	
Hermann	145 San Francisco	San Francisco	43	12	4	4	1	59	161	5	2148 00	
San Bernardino	146 San Bernardino	San Bernardino	27	13	1	8	2	47	5	140	1651 00	
San Lorenzo	147 Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	67	11	1	5	1	83	5	119	9083 25	
Havilah	148 Havilah	Kern	17	7	1	1	1	27	3	66	947 25	
Wilday	149 Tuolumne City	Stanislaus	18	1	1	1	1	27	3	66	

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Victoria, V. I.	1	Victoria	Colony of V. I.	Monday	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	117	14	101	8	1811 90
Excelsior	1	Honolulu	Sandwich I.	Tuesday	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	46	13	12	13	293 16
Totals					185	43	43	59	288	13	4	4	74	106	107	137	3590	1696	\$131,578 39

Expelled.—Henry Cline, Lodge No. 2, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Thomas Norwood, Lodge No. 10, cause, contempt, not appearing; Advin Weste, Lodge No. 14, cause, contempt; William Thomas, Lodge No. 38, cause, contempt; A. B. Brown, P. G. Lodge No. 65, cause, alleged fraud; A. R. Depry, Lodge No. 68, cause, contempt; Daniel Daley, Lodge No. 80, cause, contempt; Alexander McGraw, Lodge No. 65, cause, alleged fraud; Fre. Gorthof's Lodge No. 97, cause, contempt; Peter Snell, Lodge No. 106, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Horace G. Burnett, Lodge No. 111, cause, contempt; James C. Young, Lodge No. 119, cause, embezzlement; Prescott Robinson, Lodge No. 124, cause, contempt; failing to stand trial. Sireyama, J. M. Henderson, Lodge No. 41, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; J. W. Turner, P. G. Lodge, No. 109, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; J. B. Reed, Lodge No. 110, cause, drunkenness and neglect of duty; J. C. White, Lodge No. 137, cause, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

* Since reinstated.

ABSTRACT

OF

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DEGREE LODGES,

I. O. O. F.

PIONEER, NO. 1, STOCKTON.

No report.

EXCELSIOR, No. 2, SAN FRANCISCO.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

EDMUND LANE	<i>Noble Grand.</i>
DAVID HUNTER	<i>Vice Grand.</i>
A. G. WOOD	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
M. TOKLAS	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. D. SPENCER	<i>Guardian.</i>

Number of degrees conferred to May, 1869, 1336.
Nights of meeting, first and third Saturday of each month.

UNION, No. 3, SACRAMENTO.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

THOMAS P. FORD	<i>Noble Grand.</i>
JOHN McCLINTOCK	<i>Vice Grand.</i>
W. H. RATTENBERRY	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
GEORGE NELSON	<i>Treasurer.</i>
MATT COOK	<i>Guardian.</i>

Number Degrees conferred from August, 1868, to April, 1869, 415.
Nights of meeting, fourth Tuesday in each month.

TEUTONIA, NO. 4, SAN FRANCISCO.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

WILLIAM GIRZIKOWSKY	<i>Noble Grand.</i>
ERNST DUNKER	<i>Vice Grand.</i>
CHARLES WEBER	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
PETER ANTHES	<i>Treasurer.</i>
CHARLES FLACHMEIER	<i>Guardian.</i>

Number degrees conferred during the term, 534.

Nights of meeting, second and fourth Friday of each month.

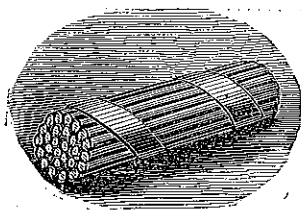
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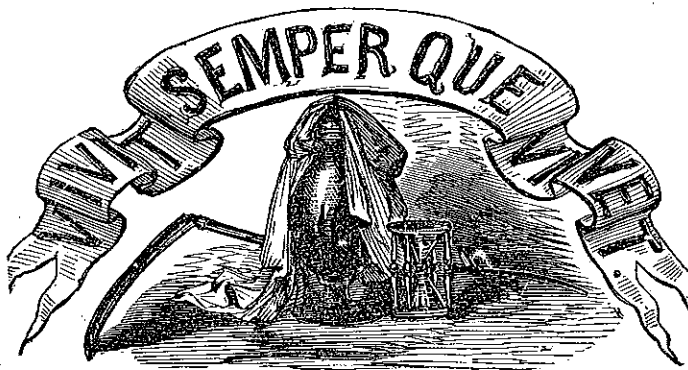
ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

J. C. HOLLAND	<i>Noble Grand.</i>
JOHN BARNET	<i>Vice Grand.</i>
JOHN HAMILTON	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
GEORGE H. FOGG	<i>Treasurer.</i>
JOSEPH SHADE	<i>Guardian.</i>

Number degrees conferred, ———.

Nights of meeting, second and fourth Saturdays of each month.





SILAS W. BROCKWAY,

R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

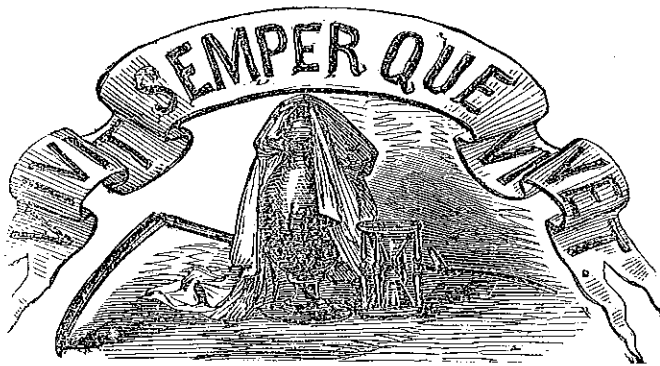
DIED MARCH 30th, 1869, AGED 40 YEARS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Report of our M. W. Grand Master as relates to the death of our late brother, Deputy Grand Master Silas W. Brockway, beg leave to report:

That, silent and uncovered, we bow before the altar of Odd Fellowship, and with afflicted hearts, we can only exclaim: "Thy will, not ours, O Lord, be done."

Brother Brockway was in the prime of his manhood, distinguished as a useful citizen, an able jurist, and one of the most zealous and eloquent among the great lights of our Order. As a man, he was warm-hearted and genial; as a friend, true and faithful; as a Judge, able, honest, bold and independent; and as an Odd Fellow, devoted to the success of the glorious principles of our Order, he had few superiors. The future of such a man, had the mysterious decrees of the Almighty prolonged his days, can well be imagined.

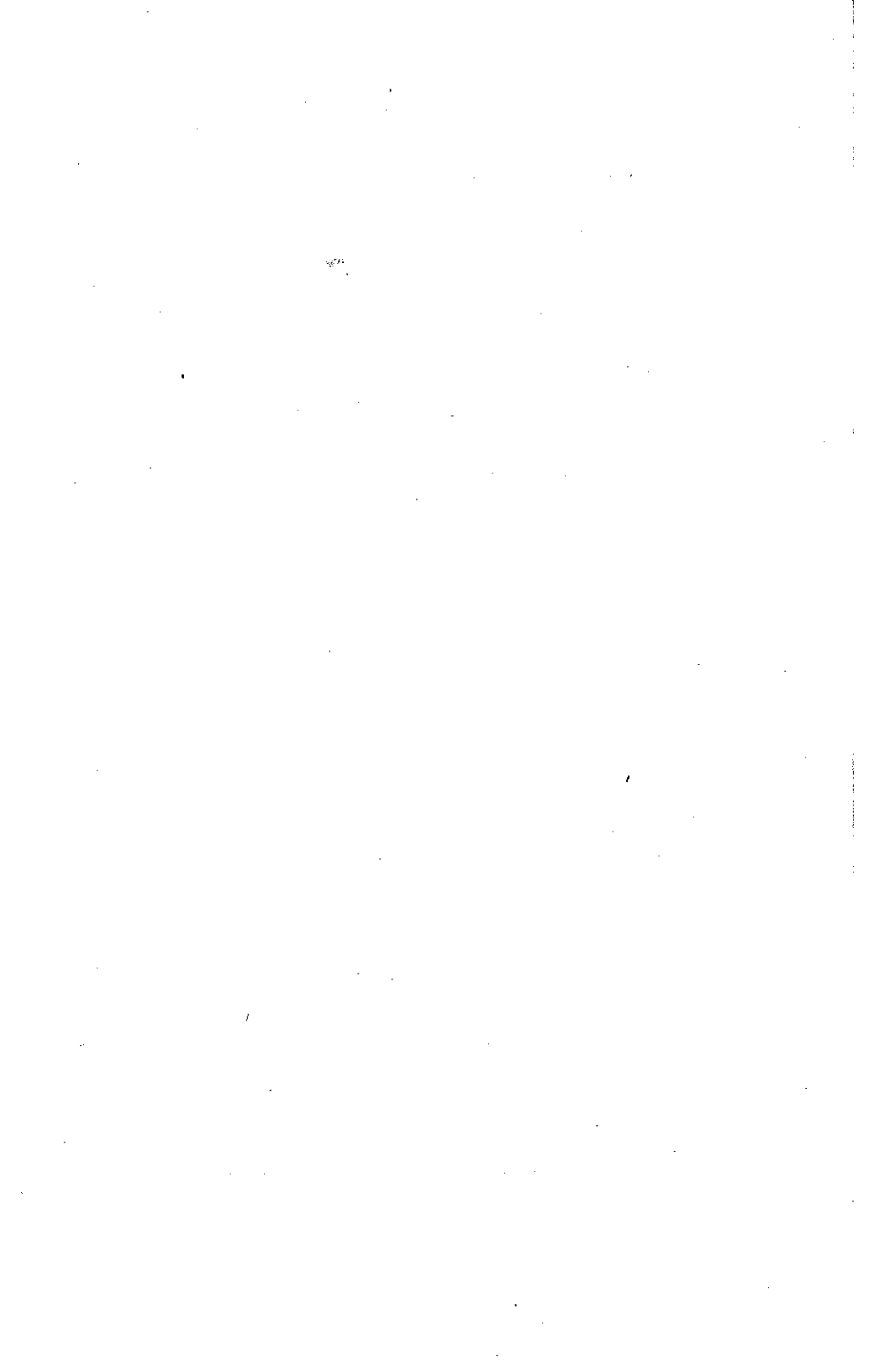
In his life we trusted and honored him; and as his voice is now silent, we not only mourn his loss, but tender this as a tribute of affectionate regard to his memory.

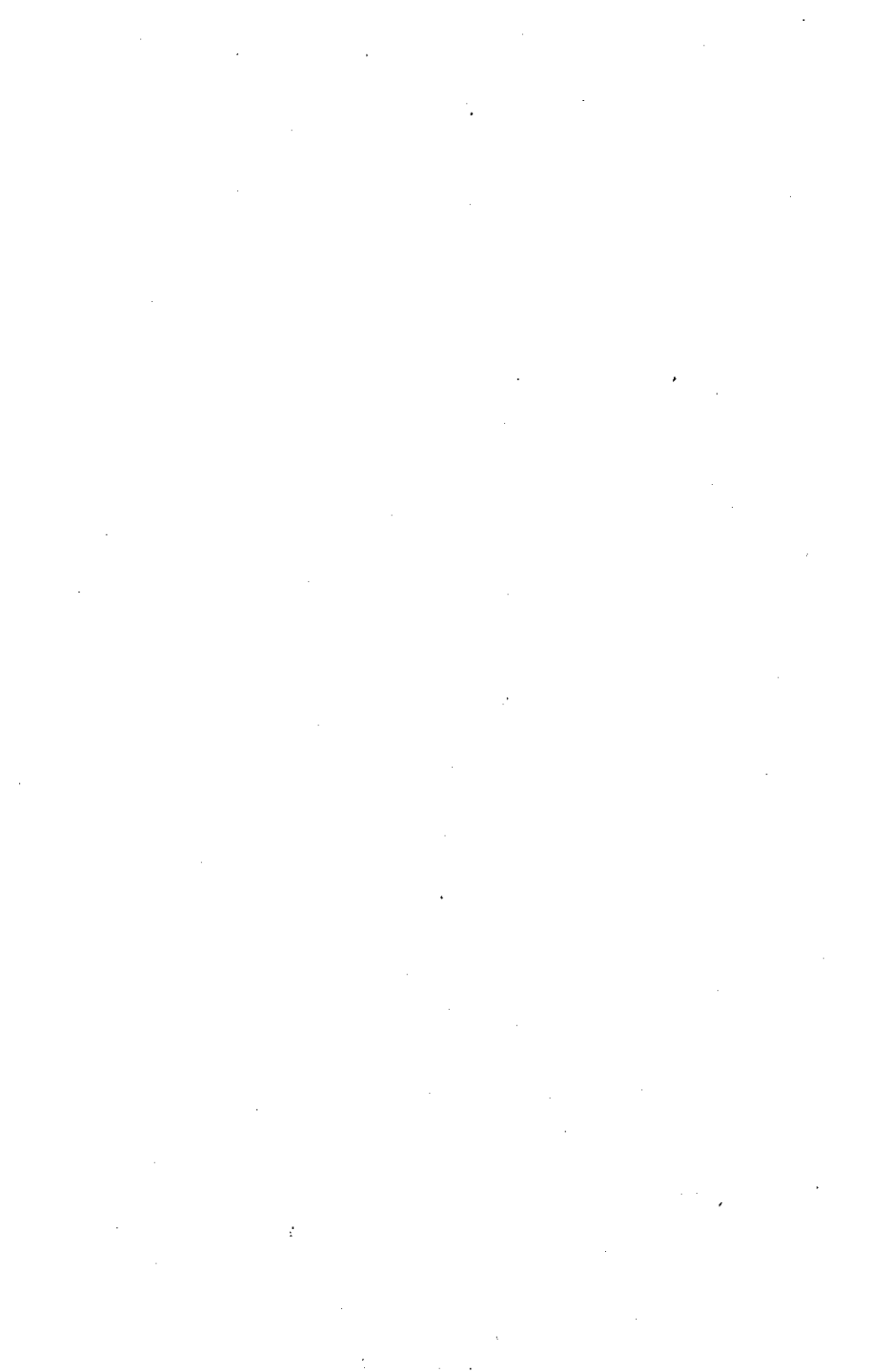


Resolved, That as in the hands of the Father of our spirits are the issues of life and death, in the death of the various Past Grands—worthy members of our Order, who during the last year have departed this life—we recognize His hand who does not willingly afflict, and bow in humble submission to these afflictive dispensations of His Providence.

DEATHS.

- Past Grand THOMAS ROOS, of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2.
Past Grand GEORGE R. MOORE, of Eureka Lodge, No. 4.
Past Grand JOSEPH C. HASSON, of Templar Lodge, No. 17.
Past Grand GEORGE W. RYDER, of Templar Lodge, No. 17.
Past Grand HENRY COSTER, of Napa Lodge, No. 18.
Past Grand LOUIS W. BALTZELL, of Yreka Lodge, No. 19.
Past Grand ELZA LOGAN, of Oroville Lodge, No. 59.
Past Grand J. N. ROSENBERG, of Red Bluff Lodge, No. 76.
Past Grand S. DAVIS, of Telegraph Lodge, No. 79.
Past Grand THOMAS McDANIEL, of Cherokee Lodge, No. 92.
Past Grand JAMES G. WHITELAW, of Cherokee Lodge, No. 92.
Past Grand E. G. HALL, of Hornitas Lodge, No. 99.
Past Grand NICHOLAS SNELL, of Mineral Lodge, No. 106.
Past Grand E. C. CLARK, of Mount Diablo Lodge, No. 128.





A M E N D M E N T S
TO
C O N S T I T U T I O N O F G R A N D L O D G E .

A D O P T E D P R E S E N T S E S S I O N .

A R T I C L E I I .

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications, to begin on the *second* Tuesday of May in each year, at nine o'clock A.M., and shall continue to meet at such hours as may be agreed upon, from day to day, consecutively (Sundays excepted), until the close of the session.

A R T I C L E I V .

D U T I E S O F O F F I C E R S .

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order therein, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States and of this Grand Lodge. All questions of order, and all decisions made by him, on any point growing out of the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be his duty to put the question on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge. He may appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem.*, and all committees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote in all cases where the votes are equally divided, except in cases of election of officers. When any demand shall have been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same. He may grant dispensations:

- 1st. *To confer degrees on a member without delay.*
- 2d. *To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia.*
- 3d. *To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.*
- 4th. *To allow Lodges to admit to membership persons who reside nearer to some other Lodge.*
- 5th. *To authorize the installation of officers in public.*
- 6th. *To give public entertainments for the benefit of the Order.*
- 7th. *To authorize the balloting for and initiation of a candidate at the time his proposition is presented to a Lodge.*
- 8th. *To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.*
- 9th. *To allow a brother to be reinstated after expulsion.*
- 10th. *To institute Lodges, and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.*

He may in person confer the official degrees. He shall decide all appeals on questions of law which may be made to him from the decisions of his deputies. He shall receive and act upon all complaints which may be made to him against his deputies or Lodges. He shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order, to the deputies or to the Lodges, as may be necessary. When officially visiting Subordinate Lodges, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

A M E N D M E N T S
TO
C O N S T I T U T I O N O F S U B O R D I N A T E S .

A D O P T E D A T P R E S E N T S E S S I O N .

A R T I C L E V .

SEC. 2. Application for election to any of the five subordinate degrees shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and shall be presented to the Lodge when open in that order of business, if so provided for in its Rules of Order; if not, then in the order of New Business; and when the Lodge has regularly closed, it shall then forthwith open in the degrees applied for, beginning with the lowest, and ballot upon the application; and if not more than two black balls be cast—and the Lodge does not confer the degrees upon its own members—a certificate shall be given to the applicant, addressed to a Degree Lodge, or officer authorized to confer degrees, located or residing in this District, showing that he is a member of this Lodge, and has been authorized, by a ballot of the members of said degrees of this Lodge, to receive them.

A R T I C L E V I .

SEC. 11. This Lodge, at any regular meeting, within two months previous to the *second* Tuesday in May of each year, shall elect one Representative to the Grand Lodge for its Charter or *dispensation*; one Representative for every thirty (30) members, and one for every fraction exceeding twenty (20) members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year.

A R T I C L E V I I .

O F P E N A L T I E S A N D T R I A L S .

SECTION 1. Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-Laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge, in writing, of the state of his account; and if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he shall cease to be a member; *provided*, that no person shall so cease to be a member, until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for *twelve months* shall have been announced in open Lodge, at two regular meetings; *and, provided further, that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him.*

SEC. 10. Any person who may have ceased to be a member in consequence of non-payment of dues, may be reinstated within one year, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present—the motion to that effect having been laid over one week—by the payment of the amount due the Lodge at the time he ceased to be a member; but *after one year the amount due the Lodge shall be paid, together with such additional amount on account of the increased age of the applicant as the By-Laws of the Lodge may require*; and he shall petition the Lodge, in writing, to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in *all respects*, as provided for in Art. III, Sec. 1, for petitions for membership by initiation.

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I would call the attention of Lodges to the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge, at a previous session. Secretaries will see the necessity of complying with the same:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary do, and is hereby forbidden to furnish supplies to Subordinate Lodges, unless the order for the same be accompanied with the **CASH**, and that all sums less than ten dollars, be forwarded through the Registry Department of the Post Office.

NOTICE.—The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in San Francisco, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M. the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1869.