

The Tylers being at their posts the delegates were duly tested by Sister Mrs. W. M. Fitzgerald and Bro. John M. Morrison, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Moved by Bro. W. M. Fitzgerald, seconded by Bro. N. Ingram, and —

RESOLVED— That the motion passed on the first day, re. the "election of officers" be rescinded and that we go ahead with the reports of the different committees.

### REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal True Blue Association, now in session assembled:—

Once more we are gathered together in annual session and we are pleased to have the privilege of presenting to you our annual report. In doing so we acknowledge, with great gratitude, the exemption of any epidemic among the children during the year. The health of the little ones being exceptionally good. And we are thankful to say that since the Home was opened no contagious disease has yet entered within its walls, and only one death has occurred, and in this case the child was practically at death's door at time of admittance.

We also desire to bear testimony of the great care and interest taken by the different employees of the Institution in their positions of trust.

We are also pleased to report that during the year we have been incorporated by the Ontario Government as a Children's Aid Society, so that for the future, any child coming under our protection which has been neglected for a period of six months, becomes the ward of the Association.

During the past twelve months twenty-nine of Christ's little ones have received shelter. Fifteen have been placed in good Protestant homes; since the Home was opened two hundred and fifty-eight children have been protected and cared for.

We regret to find that the past year has not been as successful financially, as the previous one, and would strongly urge upon each individual member the great duty devolving upon them to not rest until the mortgage now resting upon our Home is paid. We firmly believe it quite possible if each member present to-day will pledge themselves to work. We can have a public thanksgiving service at next Grand Lodge Session, by burning the mortgage now standing against the Home.

We regret to report the loss by fire, of the caretaker's residence at the Orphanage, on the morning of January 25th, last, which was valued at \$600.00. There was an insurance of \$200.00. The cause of the fire is unknown.