

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The correspondence passing through the Grand Secretary's office has largely increased, being four times more than last year, due evidently to the developing interest taken by members in the work of the Association.

The books of the Grand Treasurer are models, and to his energy is due the fact that the financial position of this Grand Lodge is once more on a secure basis.

It would be a deserved and graceful compliment to these officers should the Grand Lodge increase the salaries now paid them, which are altogether inadequate for the services rendered.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, brethren, I trust that the proceedings and legislation of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will be such as to not only reflect credit upon it, but will tend to promote the spread of Orange and Protestant principles in this Province.

H. A. L. WHITE,

Grand Master.

Wingham, February 17th, 1885.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, D. G. L. B. A., seconded by W. Bro. James Brodie, District Master, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Master's Address be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

R. W. Bro. Henry Perkins, Junior Deputy Grand Master, and County Master of North Huron, requested permission to present an Address of Welcome from the County Lodge and Brethren of North Huron, and the R. W. Grand Master having concurred, Bro. Matthew Morrison, County Secretary, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Perkins, ascended the dais and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—Upon us has devolved the honour of extending, on behalf of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of North Huron, a fraternal greeting on this your first official visit to North Huron and the Town of Wingham.

We have long desired to be honoured with a visit from this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and rejoice that that desire has at length been accomplished.

In the varied vicissitudes of life, and especially the hardships which have been endured by the pioneers of this County, who have laid the foundation of the true principles of our glorious Christianity, and the Protestant religion, we are thankful that the Orange Association in a manner has done much to inculcate and instil into the general community the principles of love and peace with all men.