

think our people have responded very nobly, especially in the last Dominion contest. It would have been a matter of positive ruin to the country had "Race and Revenge," "Secession," "Annexation," and the other names by which the opponents of good government were known, been successful. As it is now, the master hand that has guided Confederation from its infancy will still control the Ship of State, and long may he be spared to do so.

Very fraternally yours,

ROBERT BIRMINGHAM,

Grand Secretary.

ORANGE HALL,
Toronto, March 8th, 1887.

On the motion of W. Bro. W. Burwell, W.M. 286, seconded by Bro. D. Hunt, D.M. 71, it was

Resolved,—To receive and refer the Grand Secretary's Report to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

In the absence of R. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M.P.P., Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. James A. Keyes read the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer:

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

BRETHREN,—I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval the Financial Statement of your Grand Treasurer's office for year ending March 4th, 1887. Accompanying it I beg to present schedules and vouchers showing in detail receipts and expenditures and amounts still owing by Primary Lodges within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. The accounts, vouchers and schedules have been duly audited, and attached will be found the certificate and report of the auditors, Bros. James A. Keyes, of St. Catharines, and J. H. Guest, of Toronto, appointed at last Grand Lodge meeting.

I have received from all sources during the year the sum of \$5,122.81, being over \$1,000 in excess of receipts of last year, and over \$3,000 in excess of any single former year's receipts. Adding to the receipts, \$5,122.81, the balance on hand as per audit of last year, \$847.18, makes a grand total, which passed through your Grand Treasurer's hands during the year, of \$5,969.99 as per general financial statement.

I have disbursed during the year the sum of \$4,049.66, and the total balance at credit of your Grand Lodge, after payment of salaries of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to date, is \$1,920.33, as follows:

Balance at credit of Grand Lodge ordinary fund.....	\$978 55
Balance at credit of endowment fund Orange Mutual	
Benefit Society.....	511 37
Balance at credit of management fund Orange Mutual	
Benefit Society.....	377 79
Orphans' Home collections.....	52 62
	\$1,920 33