

Next July the Orange Conference of the Empire will hold its session in the City of Londonderry, at which I hope this Grand Lodge will be represented. Therefore, it will be for you to take such steps as you think best to send a Delegate or Delegates to that meeting to represent this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I hope that the matters of importance which will come before you will receive proper consideration at your hands, and may all your deliberations be marked with peace and harmony.

Thanking you for that kindness I have ever received from you all, I remain,

Yours, fraternally,

WM. J. PARKHILL,

Grand Master Ontario West.

Hamilton, 15th February, 1876.

The R. W. then called on the R. W. Grand Secretary for his

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the R. W. the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, in Grand Lodge assembled:—

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

An All-wise Providence has again permitted your Grand Secretary to meet you in Annual Session,—being the first held in this beautiful city, the second in wealth and importance in the Province, and well deserving the title of the "Ambitious City."

Owing to illness last month and part of this, and a large press of urgent Orange business on my convalescence, I am unable to make an elaborate report, or in fact to do anything like justice to the subject, and therefore crave your kind indulgence.

Time will not permit me to even glance rapidly at the many occurrences affecting Protestantism, and our beloved Order during the year. In all directions the march is still onward. Trusting it may always continue to increase more rapidly until the whole earth is leavened with our glorious principles is the fervent desire of your Grand Secretary.

A number of letters and resolutions of condolence have been received on the great loss which the Association generally, and our own Province in particular, has sustained in the sudden death of our late lamented and beloved Grand Master, Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., M.P.P.