

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 Grand Treasurer.

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

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg herewith to submit for your consideration the Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 8th March, 1888, the fourth submitted by me during my incumbency of your Grand Treasurership. With it I also beg to present schedules and vouchers, showing in detail receipts and expenditures and amounts still owing for dues by Primary Lodges within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. The Financial Statement also embraces receipts and expenditures of the Orange Mutual Benefit Society of Ontario West, received by me from the Secretary of the society and paid out through him upon his order. Accompanying the Financial Statement will be found report of Grand Lodge Auditors, certifying to the correctness of the accounts.

Like other statements which I have had the pleasure of submitting to your Grand Lodge, the present one shows marked and permanent improvement in the financial standing of the Grand Lodge, and a very large increase in the volume of its funds.

The total receipts for last year, including credit balance carried forward, were almost \$10,000, an increase of about \$4,000 over the previous year. I have disbursed, during the year, the sum of \$6,111.52, including \$3,850 death endowments, and \$622.50 management expenses of Orange Mutual Benefit Society, and the total balance at credit of your Grand Lodge, after payment of current accounts and salaries of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to date, is \$3,719.02, as follows:

Balance at credit of Grand Lodge, ordinary fund.....	\$1,141 54
Balance at credit of endowment fund, O.M.B.S.....	2,227 72
Balance at credit of management fund, O.M.B.S.....	349 76
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During the year I have opened accounts for three new Counties, upon your Grand Treasurer's books, viz.: Algoma, Bruce North, and Grey East.

Notwithstanding my best efforts to collect all outstanding Grand Lodge dues, I regret to say there is still owing the large sum of \$1,211.40. The onus of this unnecessary indebtedness falls directly upon the Primary Lodge officers responsible for the payment of dues, and indirectly upon the County Masters, who should see that every lodge in the jurisdiction pays its Grand Lodge dues. I would urge upon the lodges to have all arrears paid forthwith; and thereby further strengthen the financial standing of your Grand Lodge.

The large increase in receipts and expenditures, necessary accounts and correspondence during the year have considerably augmented the duties of your Grand Treasurer's office; and I trust that my efforts to administer the revenue of your Grand Lodge and the funds of the Orange Mutual Benefit Society handed to me will be found satisfactory.

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