

For the first time in many years we have complete returns from all our existing Lodges, and none have ceased to work during the year. These Returns, and the Reports of the various Deputies are really encouraging. Of the Returns the Secretary's Report will afford you an abstract, and the Reports will in due course be reviewed in Committee.

While I do not for a moment conclude, that our receipts towards the Wildey Monument Fund are ended, I believe that the amount already paid, in proportion to our numbers, will compare favorably with that of any of the State Jurisdictions from which we have yet heard. This sum, small though it is, is our sincere tribute to the memory of Father Wildey; and added to similar sums to be gathered in from all parts of this Continent, will accomplish a work which will creditably perpetuate his memory, and be alike honorable to us all.

Experience and observation have taught me that the labors of Grand Secretary are, and by no means should be limited to the duties enjoined upon him in the Constitution. So far as authority extends, that of course should be his guide and limit; but there are innumerable other opportunities and ways of imparting information, and keeping up an interest throughout the Fraternity, both by tongue and pen, which, very appropriately falls within his sphere, and thus renders his position, not only the most useful, but the most arduous one connected with our Grand Lodge. It is highly gratifying to me to acknowledge, from my own observation, the efficiency of our present Grand Secretary, Bro. James Woodyatt, and to commend him to your highest consideration and thanks, as a faithful officer, and a true Odd Fellow.

I am too well aware of the importance you attach to our anniversary meetings to think it necessary, to impress upon you, at length, how requisite it is, that we improve faithfully the short period allotted us. System, promptitude and harmony are requisite to the accomplishment of the work for which we have assembled. Let us illustrate all these principles.

If the result of our mutual endeavors has not been productive of all the good we hoped for; let us be thankful that so much of harmony has been maintained and some decided improvement and progress made during the year; and let us upon this occasion consecrate our talents and energies anew to the object for which we are banded; hoping and believing always that the success of our principles will ever tend to "peace on earth—good will to men."

In conclusion, it is not merely a form of words, with which I thank you for the confidence with which you distinguished me one year ago, and for the courteous co-operation which it has been my good fortune to receive in the discharge of my duties. I needed all these, the realization of which makes me more grateful.

H. C. BINGHAM,

Grand Master, G. L. C. W.

On motion of Rep. James, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master's Report be referred to a special Committee of three for the distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report:

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:*

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN: By the kind Providence of God, our Father, we are permitted again to assemble at the close of another year, to legislate for the preservation and welfare of our beloved Order; let us ascribe praise to Him, who, through the year, has vouchsafed so much prosperity and success to our efforts, and while we reflect with gratitude on our own position, and address ourselves anew to our work, let us with fraternal sympathy and kindly regard, offer up our