

Moved by Companion Wm. Laidlaw, W.M. L.O.L. 963, seconded by Companion Jas. H. Young, C.M. North Huron, and

Resolved—That Companion E. Floody, C.M., South Huron, be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion S. R. Hammond, W.M. L.O.L. 779, seconded by Companion Edward Morton, W.M. L.O.L. 286, and

Resolved—That Companion John Hotrum, W.D.M., of Hamilton, be one of a Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion John Baird, C.M., Halton, seconded by Companion William Cook, D.M., Hornby, and

Resolved—That Companion James Brodie, P.C.M., be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion W. J. Parkhill, P.G.M. B.A., seconded by Companion James Brodie, P.C.M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge be reduced to the Orange Degree.

The Grand Lodge was accordingly reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R. W. Grand Master then delivered his address.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West.

BRETHREN,—It affords me great pleasure to meet you in Grand Lodge to-day and receive the congratulations and friendly greetings of many of my older brethren, whom I have been accustomed to meet in Grand Lodge for many years, and to welcome my younger brethren who are here for the first time.

When, one year ago, you elected me as your chief officer, it was not without feelings of misgiving as to my ability to serve you that I accepted the position in which you were pleased to place me, and now, at the end of the year, permit me to return you my sincere thanks for the great honor done me, and for your kindness and forbearance in overlooking my many shortcomings during the year.

I am happy to be able to report to you that during the year harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and peace and prosperity has compassed us on every hand.

From the Reports that will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the returns from the various counties, it will be seen that substantial progress has been made; there has been an increase of membership and a better attendance at primary Lodges, several dormant Lodges have been reorganized and a number of new warrants issued. This increase and improvement in our Order is most gratifying and leads us to the conclusion that as the principles of Orangeism becomes better understood, accessions to our ranks will greatly multiply.

During the year I have visited a number of Lodges and dedicated one Orange Hall, erected by the Brethren of Thamesford, and which reflects

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