

all, and that in our deliberations we may be directed in the path of wisdom and blessed by God whose servants we are and whom, in all our teachings, we seek to serve.

As I reflect on the events of the past year many and varied are my feelings, and as I surrender now to this Grand body the sacred trust with which you invested me at our last annual convention, let me enjoy the opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude to you one and all for the many acts of brotherly feeling which you have shewn me and the loyalty you have all exhibited to our Order.

While the growth of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction has been a source of the most profound gratitude to me, yet I cannot help but feel that it should have been greater.

I exceedingly regret to have to report to you the surrender by Rienzi, No. 24, of its charter—once the banner lodge of the west. It made a manly fight for a time against the constant drain on its membership consequent on the removal of so many from its location, but in the end had to succumb. It is pleasing to turn from the contemplation of Rienzi's surrender to the reorganization of that pioneer lodge, Perseverance, No. 23, of St. Catharines.

I am glad to report the complete liquidation of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee deficit.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith present a detailed account of my official acts during recess for your consideration.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

As soon as possible after assuming office I made the following appointments, viz:—

No. 1 District,	Toronto.....	A. A. Alexander, Toronto No. 30.
No. 2 "	Wentworth	C. Curtis, Red Cross, No. 3.
No. 3 "	Middlesex.	Wm. Hill, Mizpah, No. 22.
No. 4 "	Kent.....	W. H. Robinson, Marmion No. 15.
No. 5 "	Essex	J. C. Murdoch, Friendship No. 16.
No. 6 "	Algoma.....	E. Biggings, Algoma No. 11.
No. 7 "	Thunder Bay	Geo. Hodder, Crusader No. 5.
No. 8 "	Elgin.	J. S. Robertson, Rathbone No. 12.
No. 12 "	Counties of Leeds, Grenville Stormont, Glengarry, and South half of Lanark.....	R. A. Bennett, Dufferin No. 28.
No. 14 "	Renfrew, Carlton, Russell, Prescott, and North half of Lanark.....	G. C. Fowlie, Dufferin, No. 28.