

REVIVAL OF DORMANT WARRANTS.

The following dormant warrants have been revived, the lodges reorganized, and are now in good working order.

No. 153, South Huron.
No. 168, South Ontario.
No. 287, Norfolk.
No. 694, South Simcoe.
No. 794, Huron.

SURRENDER OF WARRANTS.

Only one warrant has been sent in to me since the time of making my last report a year ago.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the year has been very voluminous, the Mutual Benefit Department having received considerable attention during the first nine months of the year, the unsettled state of the country, caused by two great elections during the latter portion of the present year, has curtailed our work very much in this direction, and in fact the issue of warrants as well. The momentous questions involved in these great struggles received, as they deserved, the almost entire attention of the members of our Association, to the exclusion of ordinary business duties.

ANNIVERSARIES.

A glance at the columns of *THE SENTINEL* for weeks after the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne would prove conclusively to those who are anxious that the time-honored anniversary should become a thing of the past, that the feeling they are so anxiously watching for has no existence. Everywhere throughout the British Empire, and indeed in the United States, loyal and joyful men and women celebrate the great and glorious anniversary, not in a spirit of display or bigotry, but as a day specially designed to be long remembered in the history of our country as the deliverance from the intolerance of those earlier kingdoms.

HISTORY OF ORANGEISM.

I would again draw your attention to the fact that I think the time has arrived when a Committee of this Grand Lodge should be appointed for the purpose of placing in the hands of our brethren an edition of the history of Orangeism. Much valuable information on this subject can be obtained from the writings of the late Col. O. R. Gowan, for many years Grand Master of British America. I think this matter should be attended to at the present session of the Grand Lodge.

POWERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

A notice of motion asking for increased powers for Provincial Grand Lodges will come before the Grand Lodge of British America, at its annual session in Belleville in June. It may be as well to get an expression of opinion from this Grand Lodge as to what the Committee from Ontario West should ask for. While I am strongly in favor of any reasonable legislation in this direction, I must say that the idea of abolishing Provincial Grand Lodges would simply have the effect of wiping out the Association in the smaller Provinces, and I hope no further agitation in that direction will be contemplated.