

many sections, and I am pleased to learn that its circulation is rapidly extending throughout the Dominion. I strongly urge the Masters of all lodges to make it a portion of their duty to secure subscriptions for and in every way further the interests of the paper.

Brethren, I trust that the delegates attending this Grand Lodge will return to their homes determined to exert their influence by visiting regularly lodges already established, and by establishing new lodges when this can be done without injury to those already established.

Hoping that your deliberations may be conducted in peace and harmony, and that they may be conducive to the welfare of our beloved Order, and to the best interests of our common country,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM LEE,

Grand Secretary,

BRACEBRIDGE, March 14th, 1900.

Moved by W. Bro. R. H. Watson, G.L., seconded by W. Bro. W. J. McCausland, Proxy 535. Toronto, and

(6) *Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary's report be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report as follows:

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

R.W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg to submit for your consideration the usual financial statement of receipts and expenditures of your Grand Treasurer's office for the year ending February 28th, 1900.

Attached hereto are schedules and vouchers giving in detail the amounts received and disbursed, as well as the amounts owing by Primary Lodges in the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge.

The balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge at the date of last audit was \$1,524.56. The receipts from Grand Lodge dues up to February 28th were \$2,237.15, and the interest on bank balances \$20.85, making the total receipts for the year, including balance from last year, \$3,782.56. I have disbursed during the same period \$1,837.43, and have a balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge on February 28, 1900, of \$1,945.13, as follows:

Cash in bank	\$1,925 26
Cash on hand	19 87
Total	\$1,945 13