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accepted in a general ballot, there being no exception taken to any one of them. I will make it a point to visit them before the meeting of Grand Lodge, provided the supplies arrive in time, and correct any errors that may be detected in their work.

I trust that this vast territory, Algoma District, has now entered upon a state of development and progress, as will ensure a steady increase of population, and that Pythianism, which has hitherto been confined principally to the eastern section of Ontario, will reach the centre of the Province at Manitoulin Island and bear rich fruit, to delight the ears and hearts of all those who take pleasure in increasing the happiness of their fellow men. I have the honor to be,

Yours, etc.,

E. BIGGINGS,

D. D. G. C.,

No. 6 District.

SAULT STE. MARIE, May 27th, 1890.

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE, K. OF P., OF ONTARIO,

Toronto, June 10th, 1890.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

I beg to submit for your consideration the eighteenth annual report of this office for the year ending May 31st, 1890.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The order in this jurisdiction during the past year, or more correctly speaking, during the year 1889, made a retrograde movement, which was due to a great extent, no doubt, to the general business depression, and the returns show a slight decrease in membership. The financial statements, however, show an increase which is encouraging; and from the reports I have received this year, I believe the loss in numbers has been more than recovered.

I have received a communication from Native Valley Lodge, asking to have their *per capita* of last year remitted on account of a very heavy demand on their treasury through sickness and death. They think if such is done, that they will be able to pull through all right.

NEW LODGES.

Since our last session three new lodges have been instituted as follows:

Rathbone, No. 12, at St. Thomas, Feb. 20th.

Aurora, No. 13, at Fort William, April 24th.

Olive, No. 14, at Bruce Mines, May 20th.