

America to this subject, in the hope that at its Grand Annual Meeting to be held in June next, this question may engage their attention. And that such measures may be devised as may tend to remove the present anomalous state in which the Societies referred to are now placed, and that the whole may be united in one solemn phalanx, under the direct supervision of the Grand Lodge, in support of Protestantism, Loyalty and British Connection.

3rd. That recognizing the great value and importance of a full and accurate history of the origin and progress of the Loyal Orange Institution, our old Grand Master, Lieut.-Colonel Gowan, be respectfully requested to continue his history of the Society; and that, with a view to its more general diffusion, the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a circular to each Lodge of the Order, as well as to all prominent Officers and Members thereof, requesting their exertions to obtain the names of subscribers, and to forward them to the author of the work at Toronto.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

In meeting you once more, I beg to congratulate you on the prosperity of the Order, as will be seen by the Grand Secretary's report:—More dormant Warrants have been revived and fewer reported dormant than for some years, and generally there has been a healthy progress.

It is, however, to be regretted that a want of unanimity still prevails among us on those important occasions when we are called upon to exercise our franchise as Britons, thus weakening our influence in the country. And it is to be hoped that some remedy may be found for such an unhealthy state of affairs.

I trust that the deliberations on which we are about to enter may be characterized by that wisdom and brotherly love so essential to the success of our endeavors, and that the blessings of the Almighty may rest upon our efforts to uphold the Pure Protestant Faith in this land, and to promote a true British feeling among its people.

THE SCOTT MURDER.

At your last meeting you appointed a committee consisting of Hon. J. H. Cameron, Bros. H. S. McDonald, M.P.P., G. M. of Eastern Ontario, D'Alton McCarthy and myself, to search into the law and give our opinion on this question, and to report what Government or tribunal had power to punish the murderers; and, secondly whether the Government of Ontario had any such power at the time they offered \$5,000. We bestowed upon the work entrusted to us our best study and attention, and reported and published the opinion found in the last report of this Grand Lodge, which, I am happy to say, was endorsed by the Press. The *Globe*, in an article on the subject, said that no one doubted the correctness of our opinion. I caused Mr. Cameron's fee (\$105) to be paid, the others being members of our Order in active connection made no charge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Though the unusual demands upon my time during the past year consequent on the elections, prevented my giving as much attention to the matter as I otherwise should, still I managed to hold two Lodges of